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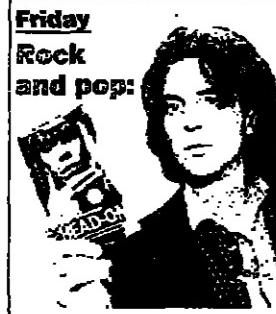
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# First baby is 'saved' by Catholic initiative

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A 15-YEAR-OLD girl has given birth to the first baby "saved" by the Catholic Church in Scotland under a controversial scheme to give financial aid to pregnant mothers considering abortion.

The scheme, launched in March in an emotional speech at an anti-abortion conference by Cardinal Thomas Winning, leader of Scotland's 750,000 Catholics, was widely condemned at the time by feminists and criticised as naive by some in the social services and medical professions.

The problem is not financial. They are under huge pressure and stress, often from partners and families," he said.

He confirmed that the first baby had been born and said that at present 43 women were being helped by the initiative but he could not say how much of the £140,000 received in donations had been paid out to the women. "To put a figure on it would be to cheapen it. We do not want to be seen as capitalising on these women," he said.

"In many ways this is nothing new. The Church has always helped women in this way. What Cardinal Winning did was to make women aware that there was a meaningful choice available."

Father Barry would not say if the woman who gave birth to the first baby born under the scheme a month ago was a Catholic but at the time of the offer Cardinal Winning made it clear that the offer was open to people of all faiths.

Speaking in Glasgow at the conference organised by the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child, the Cardinal said: "Whatever worries or cares you may have in this regard, we will help you. If you want help to cope with raising the baby on your own or discuss adoption, we will help you."

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Cardinal Winning: offer of financial assistance



A minute's silence was kept during a service at Lurgan yesterday. Both Protestants and Catholics were cautious about hopes of a lasting settlement

## Cynics doubt ceasefire will produce peace

Martin Fletcher finds the jubilation of 1994 replaced by a weary scepticism on the streets

THE IRA laid its arms aside at midday yesterday, but on the streets of Belfast there was none of the jubilation that greeted the original ceasefire declaration in 1994. Events since then have left both the nationalist and Unionist communities deeply sceptical that this new cessation of hostilities will lead to real peace.

In 1994 the Catholic Falls Road was packed with cheering throngs, draped in Irish tricolours and resounding with Irish music and the din of car horns. This weekend Sinn Fein staged rallies in North and West Belfast, but they were distinctly low key.

Two or three hundred turned out to greet Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness outside Connolly House, the heavily-fortified Sinn Fein headquarters in republican Andersonstown, but the overwhelming view among the crowd was that the British had double-crossed Sinn Fein to placate the Unionists during the last ceasefire and could well do so again.

The ceasefire was fine "as long as the British don't go back on their word this time", said one of a row of middle-aged women sitting on the kerb in the sunshine before Mr Adams's arrival. "We have to believe that Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness know what they're about," said another.

Brendan Malone, an unemployed 39-year-old who grew up throwing stones and petrol bombs at the security forces, actually opposed the new ceasefire because he feared "we will be sidelined and ignored like last time". The new Labour Government was still a British Government "looking after their interests first and last and certainly not the Irish interest", he said.

Another man, Chrissie Robinson, who claimed twice to have escaped loyalist assassination squads, said he deeply distrusted the Government because "they are British and we are Irish and they control our country at the moment". Britain and the Unionists just might offer concessions this time because they realised they could not defeat the IRA, but if nothing comes of this ceasefire, they won't get a third chance. It's as simple as that.

The Government was no more popular in the overwhelmingly Protes-

tant Shankill Road, where newspaper billboards trumpeted news of the 'provo' ceasefire and Union flags have yet to be removed following the July 12 Orange celebrations. The universal complaint was that London had capitulated to the IRA.

"The more mayhem you cause, the more people you murder, the more you seem to get," Sonya Hewitt, the manageress of a wallpaper shop just yards from the fishmongers where an IRA bomb killed nine people in 1993, said.

The basic belief is that Tony Blair has caved in to violence and violence is paying," Alfie McCrory, a cabdriver who has lived with the Troubles all his life, said. No one believed the new ceasefire was anything more than a play to get Sinn Fein into the peace talks. No one believed it would last.

"The first time we couldn't believe it," a mother said as she stood with her young daughter beneath a wall plaque commemorating loyalist paramilitaries.

"This place was like a different world with the excitement. Now all you hear is 'For how long?'. It's a simple as that."

## Canadian general chosen

GENERAL John de Chastelain, a former Chief of the Canadian defence forces, will chair the Independent Commission that will oversee the disarming of IRA and loyalist terrorists (Nicholas Watts writes).

General de Chastelain has been one of the three international chairmen of the Stormont talks for the past year. The commission is to be established by July 29 so that its members can compile a report on how terrorists would disarm before full-scale negotiations begin in September.

General de Chastelain's appointment will be seen as a gesture to Unionists, who fear that the independent commission will become a toothless body. He is a senior military figure from a Commonwealth country who also has strong personal links with Britain.

## Straw seeks savings in multibillion-pound fire and police budgets

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

SAVINGS in the multibillion-pound police and fire service budgets are to be sought in a review of Home Office spending to be announced next week. Also, another cross-departmental study of the criminal justice system is to be set up by Jack Straw, bringing to more than 40 the number of reviews created since the Government came to power.

Ministers believe there is scope for a leaner and more effective police and fire service and the review will scrutinise the £3.9 billion the police in England and Wales receive from the Home Office and £1.3 billion going to the fire and emergency services.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### MPs urged to check equality

MPs and peers are being recruited to act as "gender spies" to ensure that laws passed in Parliament are equal and fair to men and women.

Kamlesh Bahl, the chairwoman of the Equal Opportunities Commission, has sent a sex-equality check-list to every member of Parliament in London and Brussels to help them influence legislation.

She wants them to nag ministers and Whitehall departments to reveal how their policies will affect men and women.

Among the questions she tells MPs to ask in future are what is the current position of women and men in a particular area.

**Thatcher chair**

Cambridge University confirmed yesterday that it is in negotiations with Baroness Thatcher over the endowment of a chair in its school of management but said that the appointee need not be a Thatcherite. The Thatcher Foundation has approved a £1.9 million donation for a chair in economic and industrial enterprise.

**Tory ballot date**

A secret ballot is to be held among Tory members in September to endorse William Hague as leader and to back his plans to reform the party.

Mr Hague will announce on Wednesday that ballot papers will be sent to constituency parties in August, fulfilling a pledge he made in his leadership campaign to ensure he had grassroots support.

**MP denies affair**

The Labour MP Jim Marshall yesterday denied newspaper claims that he had an affair with Clare Short, the Secretary of State for International Development. Mr Marshall, 56, who is married with two children, described a story in the *Sunday Mirror* as "utterly scurrilous" and "not true at all". He won Labour South in the general election.

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# 'People were on fire and screaming'



The balloon minutes before it crashed.

**Paul Wilkinson**  
hears accounts  
of terrifying  
finish to  
balloon trip

**SURVIVORS** and eyewitnesses described yesterday how a hot-air balloon crashed in flames after hitting power cables, killing a woman and seriously injuring four others.

Phil Watson, who was in the balloon on a 50th birthday gift from his family, said: "We hit three power cables. There was a big bang and the basket burst into flames. People were on fire. Their clothes were on fire and they were screaming."

"Suddenly, at about 30ft, we were all split out and fell to the ground. Luckily I was not hurt very badly so went to help others who were strewn across the field."

Mr Watson, a bricklayer from nearby Hessle, escaped with a bruised back and scorched jacket. He had become concerned after the balloon strayed over the River Humber. "The pilot said he did not want to be above water in case we ran out of gas so he landed on the foreshore, but a gust of wind caught us and blew us up again. We took off but did not gain a lot of height."

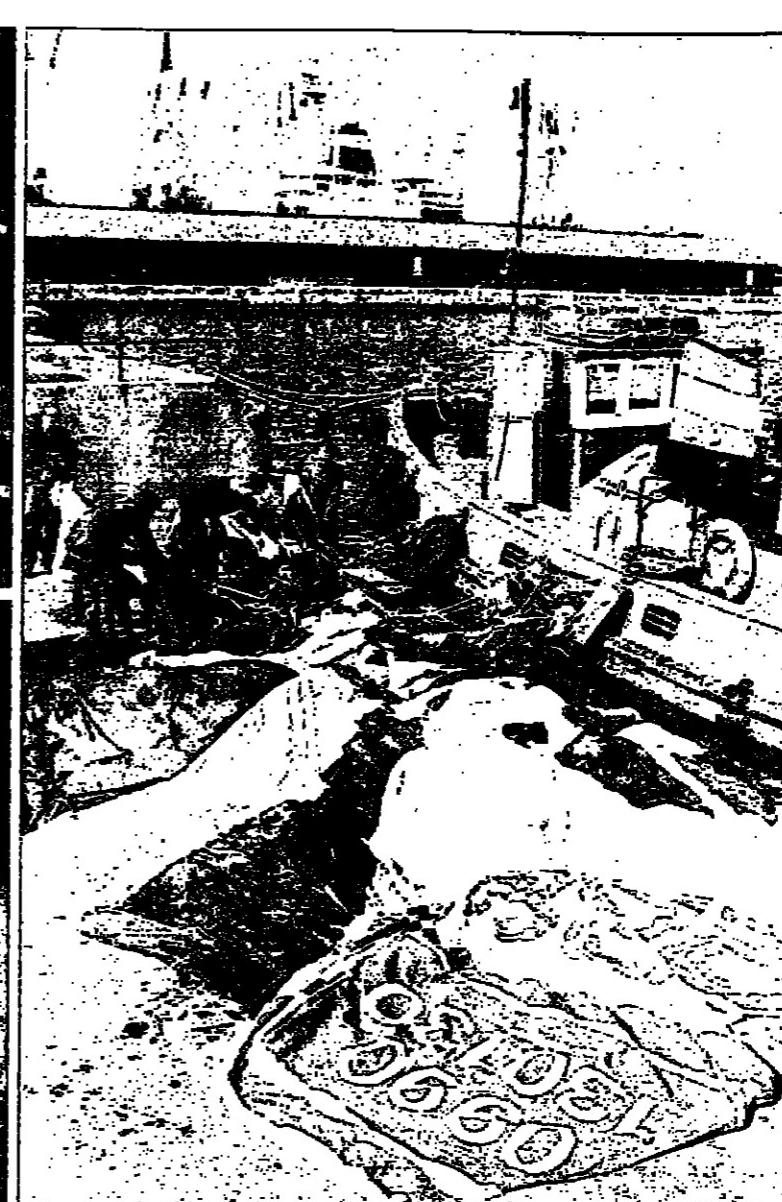
"We went back towards the river but we were dropping all the time. People around me were beginning to get apprehensive. The pilot put on full throttle and there was a hell of a roar but we just kept dropping slowly."

Mr Watson added: "It was a nice birthday gesture by my family. It was something I had always wanted to do. But I will never go up in one again after that frightening experience."

John Carnizza, 67, of North Ferriby, near Hull, saw the balloon from the ground. "Just minutes before my wife and I were waving and joking with the children on the balloon,



The balloon passengers and the blazing gas cylinders crashed 30ft into a field after the collision with power lines yesterday. The balloon was retrieved later from a dock in Hull.



**Safety rules are strict but danger still lurks**

By TERRI JUDD

UP TO 60,000 people a year go on balloon rides in Britain, and there have been no fatalities since 1974.

When an increasing number of amateurs offered rides in the 1980s, the Civil Aviation Authority clamped down. Since 1989, anyone carrying passengers for commercial purposes has needed an air operator's certificate. Operators are obliged to keep logs of clients, flight times and checks. They are also subjected to regular inspections. A maximum of 19 people are permitted to be carried.

Ray Bailey, former balloon and airship inspector to the CAA, and now a consultant to Richard Branson's balloon designer Per Lindstrand, said: "Most accidents here involve sprained ankles after a heavy landing. The last fatality was in 1974 when a balloon crashed near Birmingham killing both pilots."

"Power lines have always been a threat to balloons. Unfortunately, they cut through a basket like a piece of butter. They cut through the fuel lines and start a fire. I can only suppose that is what happened."

"You hear of a lot of similar accidents in America, but few happened."

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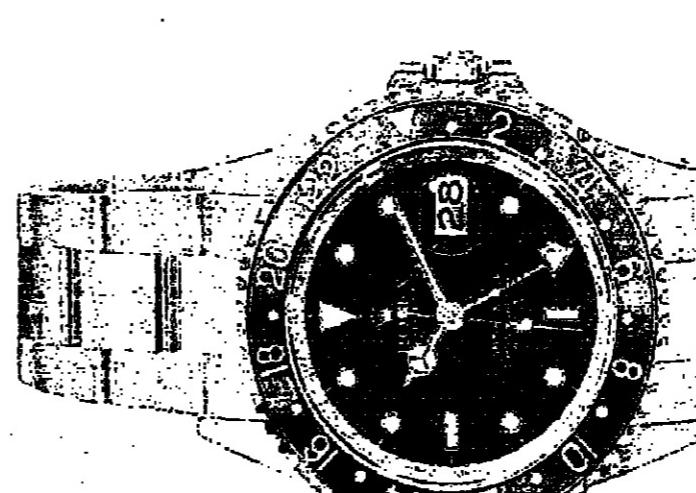
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## Fears grow for boy, 9, missing since Thursday

BY A STAFF REPORTER

FEARS for the safety of a missing nine-year-old boy were increasing "by the minute", police said yesterday. More than 100 police officers, civilians, divers and members of mountain rescue teams have scoured a huge area of north Aberdeen for Scott Simpson, who has not been seen since Thursday afternoon.

The boy's mother, Patsy, repeated her belief that Scott had been kidnapped and pleaded for her son's safe return. Police said they were keeping an open mind and urged residents not to lose sight of the possibility that the boy might be lying injured or frightened to come home.

The last positive sighting of Scott was at 4pm on Thursday, when he talked to his aunt outside a shop 200 yards from his home. Three hours earlier he was seen talking to a "weird" man who gave him a cigarette beside a nearby football park.

Police said they had received a phone call yesterday morning from a man claiming to be the stranger. They had not had a chance to interview him and appealed for the man to get back in touch. Detective Chief Super-



Scott: last sighting on Thursday at 4pm

## Two facing arrest over game-park murder

FROM SAM KILLEY IN NAIROBI

A FATHER'S nine-year investigation into the murder of his daughter at a Kenyan game reserve is expected to lead soon to the arrest of two men.

The mystery of who killed Julie Ward in the Masai Mara reserve in 1988 has been the subject of at least three books, and a television film currently in production. For John Ward, a hotelier from Bury St Edmunds, it has been "one long tiresome slog".

Two Masai game rangers were acquitted after a lengthy trial based on flimsy evidence five years ago. Now a team of three Kenyan officers, assisted by Mr Ward, are expected to arrest two lowly officials at the Sand River Gate, where Julie camped while touring the Masai Mara. The two men, a policeman and a ranger, had long been top of Mr Ward's list of suspects.

Kenyan officials first attempted to cover up the murder of Julie, 28, claiming that her burned and hacked remains in a remote spot were the result of an animal attack. Mr Ward's own investigations forced the authorities to accept that she had been murdered. He said: "All I have ever wanted was to find Julie's killers and to put them behind bars."

# Goldsmith's family shares his millions

**Lin Jenkins** on how Sir James flew to Spain to die, keeping his fortune safe till the very end

**IN DEATH** as in life, Sir James Goldsmith's financial acumen will ensure that his unconventional extended family will want for nothing. Arrangements have long been in place to ensure that his personal wealth, estimated at around £1.5 billion, will provide for his various women and eight children.

As a French citizen — his mother was French — he was mindful that to die there would complicate his affairs and cost more in tax for those left behind. For that reason, and not just to fulfill some romantic notion of dying in the bed in which he was born, he flew from his 17th-century chateau in France to his villa Torre de Tramores in the hills beyond Marbella in Spain shortly before he died.

The main provision is made through a small financial management company with offices in Hong Kong, Geneva, New York and London. The tens of millions of pounds his estate generates in income each year will continue to be divided between his mistress, wives and offspring. The arrangements are as complex as they are secret but Sir James was a generous man who enjoyed his extended family sharing in his success.

Lady Annabel, his third wife, who raised their three children Jemima, 23, Zachariah, 22, and Benjamin, 17, at Ormeley Lodge, a large Georgian building in six acres in Richmond, Surrey, will keep the house. It is owned by a company in the Cayman Islands but the complicated structure of trust funds and

offshore companies set up to minimise the tax burden makes it impossible to trace final ownership. She will also keep the Spanish villa that she and the children used as a holiday home and where Jemima and her husband Iman Khan spent their honeymoon.

Jemima already has a trust fund set up by her father.

When she went to Bristol University he bought her a house in Clifton so she could avoid the discomforts of student digs.

Zacharias is also guaranteed a fortune, but it appears his father was grooming him for a leading role in the business interests he still held.

He had, however, chosen to follow his uncle Teddy, an environmentalist, in his career and helped him to produce *The Ecologist* magazine.

The pair also carry out environmental research with a team based at Sir James' Mexican hacienda on the Pacific coast.

Benjamin, is at Eton and is expected to follow his sister to university.

Sir James' second wife, Ginette Leroy, 64, will keep her half of the house on the Left Bank, once owned by the composer Cole Porter, which she was given when the couple divorced, along with a £1 million cash settlement.

Their son Manes, 37, manages a football team in Mexico City. His sister Alix, 33, and her Italian ship owner husband Giuffredo Marcuccini, spend six months of the year in Mexico running Cuixmala, the 30,000-acre purpose-built estate with 426 staff including many armed guards.

Laure Boulay de la Meurthe, 44, his mistress, will keep her half of the house on the Left Bank and an apartment in New York.

Sir James' eldest daughter Isobel, 42, whose mother, Maria Isabel Patino, a Bolivian heiress, died two days after her birth, divides her time between Mexico and America. He continued to provide for her, although she inherited £50 million in 1982 through her mother's side of the family.

This self-made Xanadu was hermetically sealed to keep out intruders



Sir James and Lady Annabel at home. His third wife will keep the couple's large Georgian house in Richmond and a holiday villa in Spain.

## Peasants shed few tears outside castle gate

Tunku Varadarajan reports on the poor villagers living beside a very exclusive Xanadu

**FEW** people were mourning yesterday in Zapata and Villa, the two ramshackle, scorpion-infested villages that abut the sprawling Goldsmith estate on the Pacific coast in Mexico. The villages take their names from the country's most celebrated revolutionaries — Emiliano Zapata and Pancho Villa — and the local temperament is both irreverent and "anti-rich".

Sir James owned 30,000 acres of prime *tierra* here, in the province of Jalisco, where the average peasant's landholding is an acre or two at best and the annual wage is £20 a week. On this land he built a sybaritic fortress, known to the locals as *El Castillo*.

This self-made Xanadu was hermetically sealed to keep out intruders

of all sorts, from pesky pressmen to local cattle-herders and poachers. An estimated 200 guards patrol the place at all times, armed to the teeth with automatic weapons. Every inch of the Goldsmith land is under surveillance and a vast radio transponder on the beach below the mansion helps the guards to keep in touch with one another.

The place is heart-breakingly beautiful. In a gesture that his friends describe as evidence of his greatness — and his critics call a "monumental conceit" — he declared his property an "ecological conservation zone" and a "biosphere". Indeed, a team of scientists is stationed on the estate, conducting ecological research under the tutelage of Sir James's brother Teddy

and, occasionally, of John Aspinall, the zoo owner.

The main house has only two bedrooms, although each is larger than a tennis court. The rest of the estate consists of a capacious reception area, covered in a domed brick ceiling. Guests stay in cottages that adorn the estate and there are vast barracks for servants and guards. An airstrip runs parallel to the Pacific. Aircraft bring in visitors from abroad and goodies from Mexico City.

The attitude of the locals towards *El Castillo* is a complex one; although many villagers from Zapata and Villa are employed there as cooks, cleaners, gardeners and "gofers", hundreds of others were hit when Sir James bought the estate. Overnight, land that

villagers had used for grazing for generations became inaccessible. Fishermen were forbidden to catch in the waters off the estate's long shoreline.

Local doctors also complain that their rich neighbour did little to help with the area's long-running scorpion plague, from which scores of people die each year and many more are taken seriously ill.

Sir James, however, was drawn more to the area's beauty. His passion for the Pacific coast burgeoned in the 1980s and quickly transmitted itself to other members of his family. Today, his daughter Isobel spends much time there, running an exclusive resort paradise at Las Almendras, near Acapulco, to the south of *El Castillo*.

Ownership of the various Goldsmith assets, including five homes, and the Boeing 757 is likely to be vested in trusts, based offshore as part of a complex tax avoidance exercise. This type of structure is employed routinely — and quite legitimately — by corporations such as Hanson, which juggle assets in an attempt to reduce their tax bill.

Sir James' reputed £1.5 billion fortune is thought to be tied up in cash and equities, although it is possible that a considerable amount remains invested in gold bullion.

In 1991, the tycoon swapped the forestry assets of his company Cavenham for a 49 per cent stake in Newmont Mining, America's biggest mining group.

Two years later, he sold some of the shares to George Soros, the speculator, and was rumoured to have invested the \$350 million dollars proceeds in gold options, triggering a run on gold.

## Weight loss is first clue to onset of pancreatic cancer

By DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

**SIR JAMES GOLDSMITH** never looked more debonair and elegant than in the photograph taken at his daughter Jemima's wedding. Careful study of this will however show Sir James was already losing weight; his collar was loose and there was guttering on the back of his hands where loss of fat had exposed the contours of the bones and ligaments.

Sir James's case history is typical in that most patients who develop cancer of the pancreas have unexplained weight loss as the first, and for many months only, symptom. When a definite diagnosis of cancer of the pancreas is made, 90 per cent of patients have already noticed involuntary weight loss, and 10 per cent have upper abdominal pain. This pain is also felt in the centre of the upper back, between the lower borders of the shoulder blades, and it can be eased by leaning forward, or going to bed and lying in the foetal position.

Sir James was never someone to give up if the odds were

against him, but on this occasion he was, even for a lifelong successful gambler, defying the formbook when he hoped to win a cure by abandoning conventional medicine in favour of Ayurvedic therapy. This therapy is a form of alternative medicine recommended by an Indian mystic.

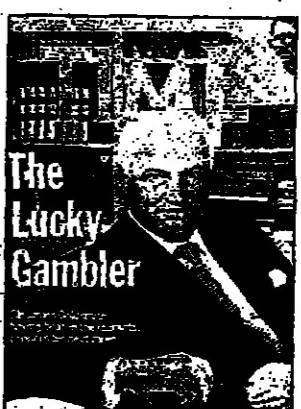
Less than 2 per cent of patients with cancer of the pancreas survive five years after diagnosis and even in those in whom there has been no apparent spread of the tumour when it is first discovered, and they are considered suitable for surgery, only one in ten lives for five years.

Since it is reported that Sir James's tumour was first recognised in 1993 and he was still vigorously crusading at the general election, it could be said that conventional treatment had served him comparatively well in his battle to keep going. It would have been unfortunate if rejection of all Western medicine, as advocated by those taking Ayurvedic therapy, deprived

Sir James of the relief from pain and discomfort which well-applied modern palliative medicine can offer.

Sir James's death is said to have been from a heart attack. More often than is realised, this is nature's kindly *coup de grâce* delivered to people suffering from malignant disease. All cancers, even when the tumour is comparatively small, increases the tendency of blood clot.

The end for thousands of people each year suffering from cancer comes as it did with Sir James and the late King George VI, in the form of a heart attack or stroke.



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# Noise payouts for new road hit £22m



Roy Eames, former chairman of the residents' association, beside the A27, where compensation payments have outstripped the £20 million cost of building the road. Now residents want it resurfaced.

Residents say a different surface could have saved millions, reports Arthur Leathley

A ROAD that has cost taxpayers more in compensation than it did to build is to be referred to the Commons public spending watchdog. Almost £22 million has been paid to homeowners near an eight-mile stretch of dual carriageway that cost £20 million to build eight years ago.

Residents close to the A27 Havant to Chichester road waged a successful campaign to secure payments of up to £30,000 for those whose houses were devalued because of traffic noise.

Now the campaigners on the border of Hampshire and West Sussex, who won compensation for 2,500 people, are demanding that ministers order the resurfacing of stretches of the road with low-noise

material in use across Europe. David Willetts, the Tory employment spokesman and MP for Havant, is pressing for the Public Accounts Committee to investigate now that compensation payments have been completed.

The Warrington Residents Association collected evidence of the nuisance caused by traffic noise. It also showed that the road surface led to more spray and road salt being thrown up, damaging pavements on homes.

Roy Eames, the former chairman of the association, said: "The noise just never goes away and some people can't sit outside because of

the roar of traffic." Mr Eames, who lives 160 yards from the road, said: "It has also led to a huge amount of dust settling on houses and obviously that has an effect on the value of property. A lot of the compensation payments could have been avoided if the Government had listened to expert advice."

The residents are calling on John Prescott, Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport, and the Regions, to act on his previous support for their campaign by pressing the Highways Agency to resurface the road, which is made from ridged concrete, one of the noisiest surfaces. Mr Prescott visit-

ed the area as Shadow Transport Secretary and pressed ministers to resurface the road.

The irony of Mr Prescott's past

backing is not lost on Mr Willetts. "I'm very pleased that Mr Prescott offered his support and now I hope he will do something practical to help," Mr Willetts said. He added that the worst-affected stretches could be resurfaced for less than £500,000, or noise-absorbing screens could be erected.

Road builders claim that most of the compensation payments could have been avoided by resurfacing with a low-noise material. Tim Green, chairman of the Refined

Bitumen Association, representing companies using asphalt surfaces, said: "It should become the standard practice to consider the use of these asphalt surfaces. Not only will it improve the quality of life for those living next to busy roads but it could save money."

British scientists led the world in developing porous asphalt but Britain has lagged behind many European countries and Australia in using the material, which is claimed to halve road noise.

However the Highways Agency, which is accountable to Mr Prescott, is reluctant to set a precedent. Moves to reduce traffic noise have

increased after research showing that the value of more than 15 million homes in England and Wales has been reduced by an estimated £33 billion because of road noise.

Complaints about loud music, barking dogs and rowdy pubs and clubs are increasing, a survey shows. Eighty per cent of councils report an increase in complaints about amplified music from neighbours and 67 per cent report an increase in complaints about dogs.

Industrial noise and traffic noise were ranked as the third and fourth most important sources of noise nuisance. The survey was carried out by the National Society for Clean Air and Environmental Protection in advance of National Noise Awareness Day on Wednesday.

The contempt finding was over a report resulting from the newspaper's investigation into an alleged large-scale conspiracy by two men to flood the market with counterfeit British American and Spanish money.

They were arrested on September 10, 1994, and charged.

The next day the *News of the World* described how a reporter had uncovered the conspiracy allegedly involving Tony Hassan and Anthony Caldron.

Ten months later their trial at Isleworth Crown Court, southwest London, was halted after their lawyers argued that the article prejudiced the trial. Last week Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Astill upheld the halting of the trial and ruled against the paper.

The ruling was widely criticised yesterday as a blow to investigative journalism. The newspaper said in an editorial: "For 154 years it has been our role to uncover the activities of criminals, often at great risk to our own people.

"When appropriate, we pass our files to the police in time for them to make arrests shortly before we publish our findings. And that is what we did on this occasion." Had it published before the arrests, it would have been in the clear", the newspaper said.

Mr Calderon said the trial judge could have empanelled jurors who had not read the *News of the World*.

Alan Rusbridger, Editor of *The Guardian*, was quoted in the paper as saying: "This judgment not only meant that two crooks walked free; it means the police's job will in future be much harder."

## Hormone link to cancer

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

WOMEN with high levels of a natural hormone in their blood could be five times more likely to develop breast cancer, according to research published yesterday.

The findings could enable a new method of screening to be developed to give women who might be susceptible to the disease early warning.

The 13-year study by scientists at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund investigated the link between breast cancer and oestradiol, the natural hormone responsible for the development of female sexual characteristics. Blood samples

were taken from 2,500 post-menopausal women on Guernsey between 1977 and 1990. About eight years later 61 of these women had developed breast cancer. Oestradiol was then measured in their blood samples and compared with the levels in the women who did not develop the disease.

Women with high levels were found to be up to five times more likely to subsequently develop breast cancer than women with low levels.

Hollie Thomas of the cancer fund's Oxford-based epidemiology unit, writes in the *British Journal of Cancer*. "This strongly suggests that high levels of oestradiol are strongly related to breast cancer risk in post-menopausal women. At present it is not possible to undertake mass screening to detect these levels. However this research is a significant step forward in understanding breast cancer."

Fund researchers are now looking for factors that control the level of oestradiol in the blood. So far the only well-established factor is obesity, which is known to cause a moderate increase in the risk of breast cancer. The charity said that play-

## Tan lures children into danger

By OUR MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

MOST children think a tan is more attractive than a slim figure, according to a survey published today as school summer holidays begin.

The "alarming" results have prompted the Cancer Research Campaign to issue guidelines to help parents protect their children from the sun. The MORI survey, commissioned by the charity, found that while 58 per cent of eight to ten-year-olds thought a tan was "cool", only 41 per cent thought that it was preferable to be thin.

The charity said that play-

ing outside in Britain can be just as dangerous as two weeks in a sunny resort abroad. Only six bouts of sunburn during a lifetime double the risk of developing cancer.

As children spend three times as long in the sun as the average adult, they can easily become vulnerable to the disease before they are out of their teens. The fund says that children under 15 increase their chances of contracting skin cancer in later life every time they get sunburnt.

Each year 40,000 new cases of skin cancer are reported in Britain, with the most serious

form killing 1,500 annually. Since the disease takes up to 20 years to develop, experts fear that the numbers will accelerate because of the growth in sunshine holidays since the 1970s. If present trends continue, skin cancer could reach epidemic proportions early in the next century.

The alarmist results could prompt parents to ensure that their children are protected from the sun from babyhood. "Deliberately exposing the skin to unnecessary ultraviolet is always harmful," he said. "We have to alter perceptions and behaviour and realise a child's skin needs

protection at all times. The dangers aren't just on sunny foreign holidays, but in the UK sunshine as well."

The charity's guidelines for protecting children start from birth. Babies should be kept out of the sun completely until they are six months old.

After that nobody should go

out in the sun between 11am and 3pm. Sunscreen with a protection factor of at least 15 must always be worn and reapplied frequently. Broad-brimmed hats and tops should be worn as much as possible when in direct sunlight.

Photograph, page 24

## 'Shut up' call to mobile phone users

By LIN JENKINS

THE mobile phone, at first mocked as an affectation of the self-important before becoming a convenient tool of everyday life, is again under attack for being an irritant.

With many of Britain's seven million users unwilling to follow protocol voluntarily, a Conservative MP wants summary fines to put an end to the intrusive, crackling conversations in unlikely places.

Beaches, parks, sporting venues, restaurants, pubs, buses, cinemas and railway carriages are likely to be among the places singled out for a ban in a Private Member's Bill to be introduced on Thursday by Michael Fabricant, Conservative MP for Lichfield, Staffordshire.

He said: "It is the height of rudeness when people accept calls in the middle of a meal in



Fabricant: question of good manners

a restaurant and start barking down their phones. It is a strange thing that as soon as people start talking into mobile phones, they seem compelled to speak at three times the volume of normal conversations."

He wants the list of restrict-

ed places left open so that it can keep pace with technology. "We may soon have waterproof phones strapped to people's heads in public swimming pools."

Bans on mobile phones have not always worked. The Savoy Hotel in London banned their use in public areas but the number of flagrant breaches forced it to abandon the attempt. However, the Great Western Railway is restricting users to certain carriages, while InterCity West Coast asks passengers to "behave responsibly, make only essential calls, and quietly".

Hospitals ask patients not to use them. In courts, judges have threatened to exercise powers to jail offenders for contempt when proceedings have been interrupted by the distinctive trill. MPs have been told by the Commons

Speaker not to take mobile phones into the House and none is allowed in the Strangers' Gallery.

Mountain rescue teams complain of time-wasting callers who seem to believe that a phone is an alternative to proper navigation and proper equipment. The coastguard share their view.

In sport, Royal Troon barred mobile phones on the course for the Open to allow golfers and spectators a chance to concentrate uninterrupted. Other golf courses issue similar instructions to members that they may not take phones on the fairway.

At a football match last season in Maidenhead, Berkshire, a substitute linesman answered his mobile phone during the game. He was booked by the referee and told that he would be sent off if it happened again.

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# Union fights to put pride back into urban parks

Alexandra Frean on an attempt to return park-keepers to power

A CAMPAIGN to save Victorian and Edwardian parks from financial cuts, neglect and poor management will be launched this week.

Budget cuts and government indifference, combined with the replacement of traditional park-keepers with contract workers, have started to erode amenities, according to a report to be published this week by the GMB trade union.

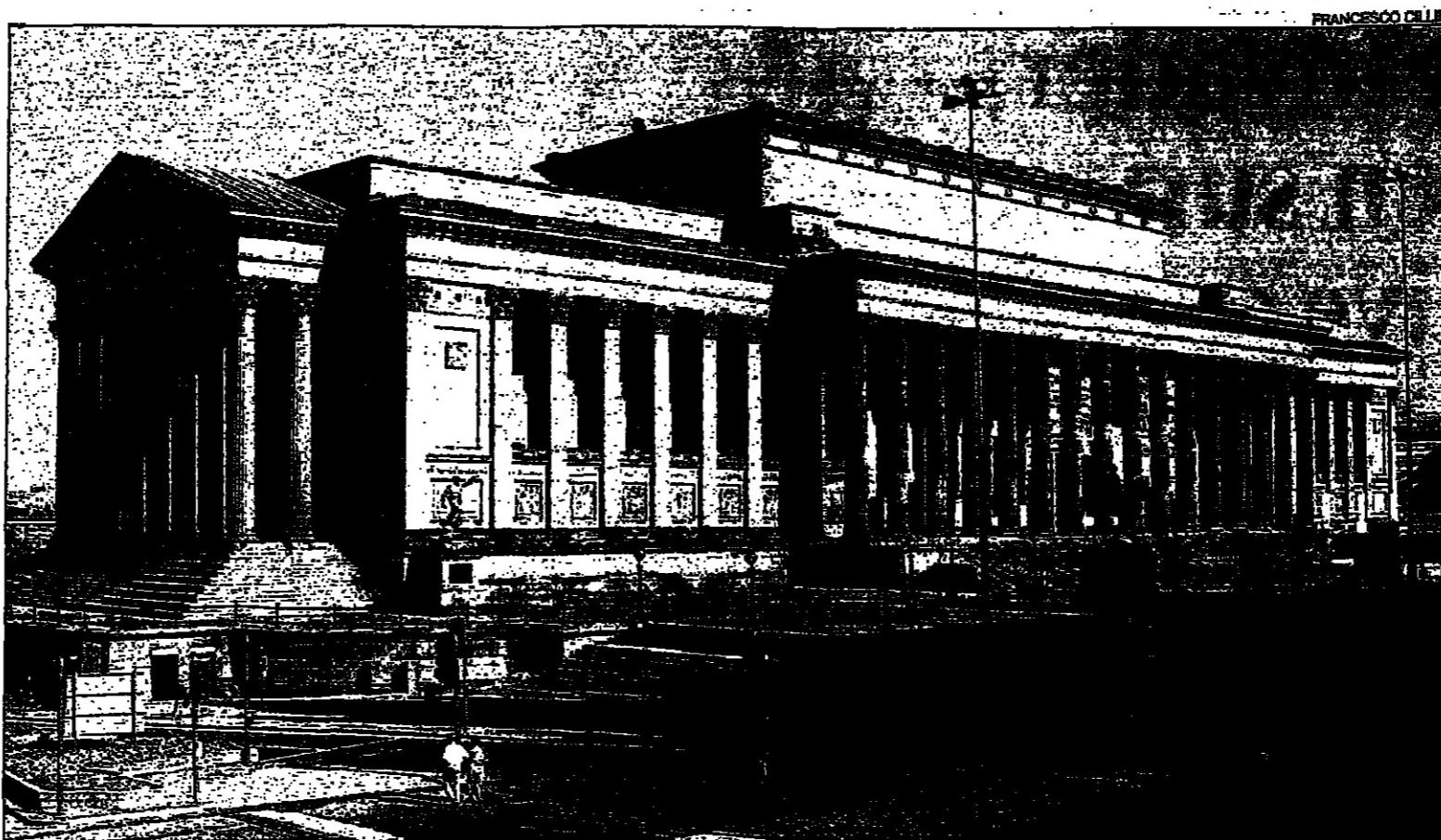
Despite the promise of more than £60 million of National Lottery money for restoration in the report, *More Grounds for Concern*, says that more action—and more money—will be needed to improve and maintain Britain's public gardens, which are visited by up to eight million people daily.

Mark Bramah, an adviser at the Association of Direct Labour Organisations, which has produced the report with the GMB, surveyed 80 local authorities. He said the process of compulsory competitive tendering (CCT), introduced in the late 1980s, had had a disastrous effect on the way parks were managed.

Rigid contract conditions often took no account of how the vagaries of the weather could affect outdoor working, while the replacement of local gardeners with teams of contractors was leading to a fall in standards.

"CCT has also led to an adversarial approach between the people who manage parks and those who actually do the maintenance work, which is often counterproductive," he said. It had resulted in a drop in training, threatening the survival of traditional horticultural and fine turf skills.

Although the Government was committed to phasing out CCT in the long term, Mr Bramah said action was needed now. He called for the Government to make the maintenance of parks a statutory duty for local authorities.



Hall of fame: St George's Hall in Liverpool, where restoration would include the 1851 organ, below left. The hall abounds with neo-classical detail.



## £30m plea for a matter of life and death

By RUSSELL JENKINS

TRUSTEES of one of the world's greatest 19th-century buildings have completed a £30 million bid for National Lottery money to restore it to the glory when it once housed both a lively arts scene and a court sending killers to the gallows.

The 490-ft-long, neo-classical St George's Hall in Liverpool was described by Queen Victoria as worthy of ancient Athens, and the Prince of Wales has called it one of the greatest public buildings of the past 200 years. It was built in 1838 to contain the Assizes Court alongside its Great Hall and a smaller concert hall. In 1867

Charles Dickens delivered celebrated readings there.

Its future has been in jeopardy since 1984 when the judges moved out to a modern complex on the other side of the city. Liverpool City Council has struggled to maintain the fabric, but parts of the landmark opposite Liverpool Lime Street station are closed to the public and the sunken tile floor is too fragile to be exposed to public view.

The trust, with the support of the city council, is submitting the lottery application for restoration and improvements, including exhibition and tourist facilities and restaurants. It has also applied for a further £10 million

from Brussels. Simon Osborne, the hall manager, said: "Our scheme will bring St George's Hall back to life and turn it into a national attraction. At the moment less than half of the hall is in use. The rest is closed to the public. We would be able to bring the whole building into public use."

The plan envisages a new life for the concert hall, whose cream, white and honey interior is one of the finest of the Victorian era. There would be restoration for the catacombs, which have an early and elaborate air-conditioning system, and for the Assize Court, where more than 2,000 people were sentenced to death. There are plans to open the prison cells, including the condemned cell, to the public. Repairs to the roof alone would cost £5.6 million.

The second phase, set for between 1999 and 2000 and involving the south end of the hall, would include an exhibition hall, restaurants and a shop. Phase three, due to be completed by 2001, would involve repairs to the 1851 organ and the Minton tiled floor.

Robert Quinn, chairman of the council's leisure committee and a trustee, said the conservation plan had been meticulously researched. The early indications from lengthy public consultation showed that the people of Liverpool wanted to retain the "widest possible use".

## Prince marks 100 years of Tate Gallery

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Prince of Wales, despite his best efforts as a watercolourist, does not yet grace the walls of the Tate Gallery. But as patron of the premier collection of British art he will be on hand today to celebrate its centenary.

On July 21, 1897, a previous Prince of Wales, the future Edward VII, opened a modest collection on the site of the old Millbank prison by the Thames. It was based on a bequest of 67 paintings given to the nation by Sir Henry Tate, who had made his fortune from having found a new way to make sugar cubes.

The collection has expanded sevenfold; Sir Henry's firm, still a household name, remains a significant benefactor. Among the guests today are some of Sir Henry's direct descendants, along with Sir Edwin Manton, who recently gave £7 million.

More than 100 British artists, including Lucian Freud, Sir Howard Hodgkin, Anish Kapoor and Sir Anthony Caro, have been invited. David Hockney is unlikely to travel from America but he has already designed a centenary poster on display at Tate stations.

In 2000 the Tate will experience its most significant expansion yet when the former Bankside power station in London opens as the major British gallery of international modern art. The original building will concentrate on British painting from 1500.

The most popular painting, judging by postcard sales, is Sir John Millais' *Ophelia*, closely followed by J. W. Waterhouse's *The Lady of Shalott*. The Turner bequest is also hugely popular; his landscape *Norham Castle* is the clear winner in Turner postcard sales.

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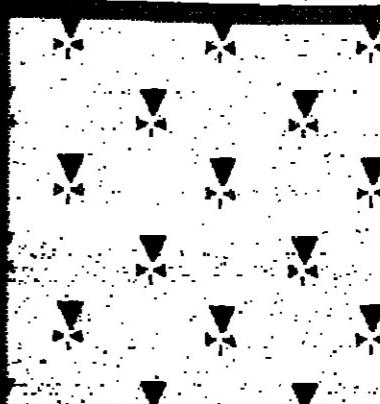
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# Sewer rats lead way to Alzheimer hope

A RAT'S ability to find its way home through pitch-dark sewers could help to disclose why human memory fails as Alzheimer's disease progresses.

Laboratory mazes have been set up to study the way a sewer rat builds up a mental map of its route. A study published today by the Medical Research Council shows that Alzheimer's typically attacks that part of the brain called the hippocampus, which governs memory of where we are. Each place we visit is logged by its own nerve cell in the hippocampus and

Ian Murray explains how the homing instinct of rodents in the dark throws light on the human brain

these cells are activated only when we visit that area.

Dr John O'Keefe, professor of cognitive neuroscience at University College London, writes that these nerve cells provide the rat with what amounts to a map, which it uses to navigate to a goal or to avoid dangerous places. Studies show that the activity of just 130 of the half million cells in a rat's hippocampus are enough for it to locate its position in a test box

to an accuracy of one centimetre in one second.

Experimental techniques for studying the hippocampus make it possible to unravel the cellular changes that occur when human memory fails. "We can test disruptions to the brain communications system vital to learning and memory at two levels at once," Dr O'Keefe writes.

"We can do this at the behavioural level, using the water

maze test, and at the cellular level by observing alterations in the activity of place cells. This will allow us to develop tools for testing the various models of disorders affecting the brain, such as Alzheimer's disease.

"Ultimately this could help in devising treatments or techniques to compensate for losses in the brain's sophisticated spatial abilities."

For a rat to work out where it is

in a test box, its place cells have to compute how far away it is from two walls sited opposite each other. To do this, the rat has to know which way it is facing. This is discovered with the help of a different nerve cell, located in parts of the brain surrounding the hippocampus, which specialise in information about orientation.

Each of these special cells has its own preferred direction and becomes active only when the animal

is facing that way. These direction cells react to landmarks but if none is visible the rat can update its sense of direction by relying on internal cues, such as those in the balance organs of the inner ear.

Recent work shows that the hippocampus serves a similar function with humans. Brain scans of people who have learnt to find their way to simulated environments created by virtual reality have shown that this is the part of the brain involved in locating where we are.

## Critic of vitamins industry to test 'magic bullet' pills

BY ANJANA AHUJA

SCIENTISTS are to take a critical look at whether vitamin and mineral supplements, regularly taken by one in three people, actually do any good.

The study is being led by a psychologist who counts himself among critics of the £280 million-a-year industry.

Professor Doug Carroll said: "Many claims for these pills are based on the observation that vitamin deficiencies cause illness. But with contemporary diets, do we really need them?"

The researchers from Birmingham University are receiving almost £200,000 in sponsorship from Roche, a manufacturer of supplements, but say they will publish their findings even if they show that taking supplements confers no medical benefits at all.

About 160 healthy adult volunteers of both sexes up to the age of 60 will undertake various tests to check the bodily response to stress, including mental arithmetic, going on an exercise bike and plunging hands into ice-cold water for several minutes. These tend to induce measurable physiological changes,

such as an increase in blood pressure and the production of antibodies.

For 28 days, half the volunteers will be given a tablet containing vitamins B and C, magnesium, calcium and zinc; the other half will receive a placebo.

All the volunteers will be subjected to the same tests again. Each volunteer will earn £50 and the results will be reported in 15 months' time.

Professor Carroll said he was looking for two effects: "The first is, do these tablets make people feel any better? Do they feel less general malaise? The second is, does it induce changes in the way the body responds, such as in the cardiovascular and immune systems?"

Professor Carroll, who will be assisted by Dr Chris Ring and Gonneke Willenssen, a doctoral student, says that several inconclusive studies have been conducted. "Some have suggested that supplements affect intellectual performance but that is fairly controversial."

Professor Carroll has already carried out a pilot study which suggested that taking

vitamins B and C, and calcium and magnesium, led to a slight decrease in blood pressure. "The results were indicative rather than definitive but it convinced us that it was worth a longer look," he said.

Tom Sanders, Professor of nutrition and dietetics at King's College London, insisted that there was a case for giving dietary supplements to certain people, such as the elderly, pregnant women, vegans and hospital patients, but added: "You do not turn a bad diet into a good one merely by taking a handful of pills." He also pointed out that certain vitamins, such as vitamin A and B6, were harmful if taken in excess.

Professor Sanders would like to see more research in the vitamin industry but harbours some reservations about the Birmingham trial. He said: "I am not sure that four weeks is long enough, and there are many well-documented situations which can cause changes in blood pressure.

"I do prescribe multivitamins in some circumstances but I don't think this 'magic bullet' approach really advances science."



Professor Doug Carroll, who is leading the research at Birmingham University

## Watchdog finds health claims hard to swallow

BY ROBIN YOUNG

COMPANIES selling vitamin and diet supplements are avoiding the law in their claims about health benefits, according to the Food Commission, an independent consumer organisation campaigning for safer food. A report published today says that dietary supplements are marketed simply as foodstuffs while they are often sold as if they were medicines.

The commission examined the labels, leaflets and press releases distributed by manufacturers, importers and retailers of dietary supplements. Out of 314 supplements which included vitamins, minerals, fish oils, amino acids, enzymes, algae, herbal remedies and slimming aids, a total of 741 health claims were advanced.

The report, summarised in the commission's publication *The Food Magazine*, points out that any claim that a product can cure, treat or prevent a disease is generally regarded as a medicinal claim and should be made only where the product has a medicines licence. Other companies imply a health benefit without making a specific medicinal claim under the Medicines Act. The report

quotes claims for Ultimate Nutrition's Aloe Vera Juice, described as "a drink for ulcers ... diabetes ... heart and glandular problems"; while Tigon Biocare's Olive Leaf Extract is claimed to be "a natural treatment option for malaria, herpes, HIV, encephalitis, hepatitis..."

A spokesman for the Department of Health's Medicine Control Agency said yesterday: "Claims that a food supplement can prevent, treat or cure a disease are illegal unless the product has a licence proving that it can do what is claimed, and that it is safe to use, but there is a burgeoning market in health foods and alternative medicines where many claims fall in a grey area and are difficult to police."

An industry spokesman said: "Many of these products are based on herbal remedies which have been in use for centuries and have long-established reputations. In most cases, manufacturers are not suggesting that these products are medicines, only pointing out that they are healthy additions to the diet."

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# Private scheme to help jobless falters in US

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

AMERICA'S most successful private welfare-to-work programme is scaling back its recruitment of hard-core cases among the homeless, drug-addicted and criminal.

The decision is a blow to those, led by President Clinton, who hoped the private sector would shoulder much of the burden of a new law aimed at reducing the welfare rolls from four million adults to 800,000 in five years.

Marriott International Inc has abandoned an experiment it tried in Washington last autumn of placing only homeless welfare recipients in two of its pioneer job-training courses known as *Pathways to Independence*. In future, the hotel chain said, it would have four or five homeless people in a class of 20 — or perhaps even fewer.

"Their problems made really heavy demands on our training staff," said Janet Tully, the programme director, yesterday. "These were people who had been on welfare for ten years. Many had never worked, and they needed a lot of attention."

Most were women. All were black. None had a credit card or bank account. One had done time for manslaughter; another had worked as a prostitute for drug money. In one class tracked down by *The Times*, 65 applicants were whittled down to 21, of whom five then failed drug tests. Of the remaining 16, only 12 completed the course, some barely.

Their intensely dedicated trainer, Christa Richardson, lent them money, turned a blind eye to lateness and combed Washington's grim homeless shelters in search of class members who had vanished.

Marriott realised that working with the worst cases meant becoming a social service agency and was not prepared to make such a commitment. Each trainee costs Marriott \$5,000 (£3,000), of which 60 per cent was paid by the Government.

Hard-core cases aside, the programme is a success, with 77 per cent of *Pathways* participants still at work after a year. The programme has caught the eye of the British Government, which based its welfare-to-work plans in the budget in part on studies of America's experience.

## Soap courts bigger ratings

Rio de Janeiro: Ilona Staller, right, the pornographic film star and former MP in Italy, is to perform in a Brazilian television soap opera which has 100 million viewers (Gabriella Gamini writes).

The bleached-blond actress, better known as Cicciolina, had a part as a devous courtesan invented for her in the soap opera *Xico da Silva*, a colonial-era saga to boost its ratings.

In the past, Adriane Galisteu, the girlfriend of Brazil's late Formula One driver, Ayrton Senna, has appeared in the show.



OUTSIDE Woolworths on the corner of 14th Street and Irving, a lone concrete store surrounded by vacant lots and broken windows in the decaying north of Washington DC, drug dealers began parking along the pavement in the late afternoon.

A couple of young black men push open the doors which are plastered with warnings that "Shoplifting is a crime — we prosecute" to escape from the 38C heat and buy cold drinks. Five security guards watch them listlessly but are preoccupied with the closure of the Woolworths chain throughout America. "December, we'll be out, I heard," one says.

Six miles away at Tysons Corner, the flagship of the shopping malls which have colonised the affluent suburbs, the Woolworths store is equally empty. Cruelly, its slot

in the mall is next to Bloomingdale's, the department store that is a byword for New York style. From Bloomingdale's comes a whiff of Calvin Klein fragrance from Woolworths, an old-fashioned chemical smell of boiled sweets and acrylic clothes.

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At first, Woolworths tried bravely to battle, competing on price against the plusher mall boutiques. But the final

blow came from the craze for discount stores and shopping clubs.

Looking through a Woolworth shop, the mystery is that the chain kept going so long. Bras in size 44D accurately match the size of the few aimless customers, but the miniskirts do not, nor are the neat khaki men's shorts with plastic belt likely to appeal to the high-fashion teenagers lounging outside.

In Tysons Corner, at the opposite end of the Washington social scale, exactly the same goods are displayed, albeit with more effort, gigantic lingerie delicately pinned to display boards as if it was Janet Reiger.

A sign at the entrance begs: "Pardon Our Dust — Excuse Us While We Renovate Our Store". As Woolworths acknowledged last week, that effort was too little, too late.

## WORLD SUMMARY

### Eight die in Kabul jet raid

Kabul: An anti-Taliban jet fighter dropped two bombs on the Afghan capital yesterday killing eight people, including three children. A dozen others were injured.

The bombing came just hours after opposition forces claimed to have recaptured a strategic air base and town north of the capital. General Ahmed Shah Massoud, a former military chief, said his troops took control of Baghlan air base and Charikar, both north of Kabul. (AP)

### Ministers saved

Harare: Armed Zimbabwean police rescued three Cabinet members, including Moven Mahachi, the Defence Minister, from war veterans demanding victims' compensation, the official Zanu news agency reported. The payments stopped in March to "help" investigations into allegations of fraud. (Reuters)

### Cousteau role

Paris: Sir Peter Blake, the New Zealand yachtsman, will lead the Cousteau team in two years' time — after leading his country's defence of the America's Cup — to carry on the work of the late French oceanographer Jacques-Yves Cousteau, the Cousteau Society said. (Reuters)

### Girl burned

Cebu, Philippines: A Filipino doused his daughter with fuel and set her on fire here after she arrived home late from a night party with friends, the Freeman newspaper reported. The girl, aged 15, is in hospital with third-degree burns. (AFP)

### Facing the music

Ahm Dabhi: A Bangladeshi arrested for trespass in the United Arab Emirates said he climbed over a wall and entered a house because he loved the music coming from inside. (AFP)



## The death of Main Street, USA

The migration of America's middle classes to the suburbs killed the Woolworths chain, writes Bronwen Maddox



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# Howe in furious attack on Patten 'betrayal'

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

VIGOROUSLY defending himself against charges of betrayal over Hong Kong, Lord Howe of Aberavon yesterday blamed Chris Patten for changing course and John Major's government for giving him carte blanche to do so.

In a scathing review of Jonathan Dimbleby's "lamentable" book *The Last Governor*, Lord Howe — who was Foreign Secretary from 1983 to 1989 — denounced the "surreal and unjust accusations of treachery and foul play by senior government ministers and civil servants".

"My anger at such baseless allegations is tempered by the sadness of my belief that such hostilities could well have been avoided — to the great advantage of Hong Kong itself — if only Patten had stuck to his original view."

He said that the chilly handover ceremonies destroyed the last hope of continuity of democratic structures between British and Chinese Hong Kong. He insisted, in a review published in *The Sunday Times*, that he had spent months in the toughest consultation with the Chinese to transform Deng Xiaoping's formula of "one country, two systems" into the Joint Declaration. His successor, Douglas Hurd, had a long correspondence with Qian Qichen, insisting that Britain attached great importance to re-establishing an atmosphere of mutual trust and recognising the

advantage of continuity.

"Astonishingly, against this background, Patten was allowed, within three months of arrival, to propose, publicly and with only the most perfunctory prior consultation with the Chinese, far-reaching changes for Hong Kong's legislative council," Lord Howe said.

Lord Howe dismissed as unjustified Mr Dimbleby's central charge that the 1987 review of public opinion in Hong Kong was rigged, with Britain and China agreeing in advance that there would be no direct elections in 1988. He said he himself explained to Mr Qian that there could be no question of an advance understanding.

His review reveals his fury at what he regards as betrayal by Mr Patten, who he says is ready now "to question the motives of almost all but himself". Legitimate differences of judgment had been transformed into plot and counter-plot. He said he had been "distressed" by the risks Mr Patten was taking with the negotiating process but had muted his criticism. Mr Patten even wrote to him a year ago thanking him for "your careful reticence . . . whatever your private doubts."

Mr Patten, he said, would now have to settle for applause only from "a lot of Americans and others who take a highly moralistic view of global issues".

## Last gasp for the age of steam in India

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS  
IN DELHI

INDIA has sent the last big batch of its steam trains to the scrapyard. All that remains of 150 years of steam locomotion are a few shunters on their last gasp in rural backwaters in Gujarat and some "toy trains" struggling up to the old British hill stations of Darjeeling and Ooty.

Their passing is un-mourned, indeed almost unnoticed. Saving the last two steam routes reveals, nevertheless, a hint of nostalgia among the bureaucrats at Railways Bhawan, the Indian Railways headquarters in Delhi, who have overseen the destruction of one of the world's greatest steam fleets.

Ooty and Darjeeling, along with their more famous sister hill station, Simla, were beloved by the British. Snooty Ooty, as detractors were wont to call it, remains a rarefied preserve of retired Britons

who never went home at independence in 1947. The narrow-gauge tracks to these and other cool retreats remain as a tribute to the engineers and workmen who laid them in defiance of animals and pestilence.

Before trains, the journey out of the heat of the plains was a trek of staggering complexity and effort. Virtually the entire Raj, files and all, swayed by bullock cart to Simla for seven months of the year to what became a little

England, complete with church spires, a bandbox theatre and, vitally and inevitably, a club for the sahibs and memsahibs. The little trains to Simla have long since succumbed to diesel. But Darjeeling and Ooty will be

served by steam locomotives for at least three more years, when their future will be reviewed.

Steam enthusiasts lament the introduction of diesel engines on the track to Simla, queen of hill stations, leaving Ooty and Darjeeling alone to carry the burden of nostalgia.

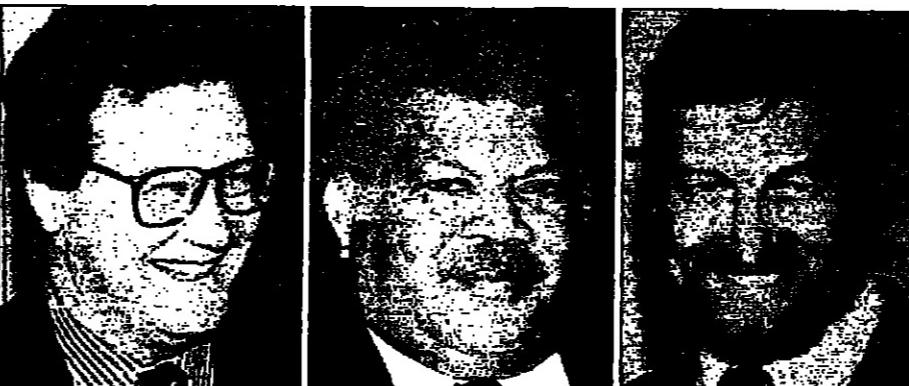
None of the services to the former hill stations makes money, but they just might if more tourists can be tempted to ride them: they survive only because of this faint hope.

## Candid Australia peeves neighbours

FROM ROGER MAYNARD  
IN SYDNEY

THE Australian Government was in urgent damage-control mode last night after a scathing briefing document on its South Pacific neighbours was made public. The report, with its warnings of economic collapse in some island nations, also discusses corruption among top politicians and their drinking habits.

Mismanagement is hurting, with the Solomon Islands, Nauru and the Cook Islands on the brink of insolvency, it claims. One minister was nicknamed "Mr Ten Per Cent" and another portrayed as incompetent. The 93-page document also states that ministers become mellow or



Downer, left, Mamaloni, described as an obstacle to economic reform, and Evans

belligerent when drunk. The report accuses many island nations of being unwilling to undertake economic reform, and suggests their growing

problems threaten Australia's regional interests. The document, marked "AUSTEO" (Australian Eyes Only), was left on a table after a meeting

between government officials and Pacific economic ministers in Cairns, north Queensland, last week. It was picked up by a reporter, who as-

sumed it had been left out for general release.

Last night, Alexander Downer, the Foreign Minister, said: "Such briefing material is not . . . an expression of the Government's views". But Gareth Evans, the acting Opposition leader, said it was "the daddy of all security breaches". 15 countries offended in one go".

Several leaders attacked the report, with President Clodumar of Nauru describing it as "most insulting and patronising". Solomon Mamaloni, the Solomon Islands Prime Minister, who was described in the report as an obstacle to reform, said South Pacific nations would now be "suspicious of what Australia gets up to".

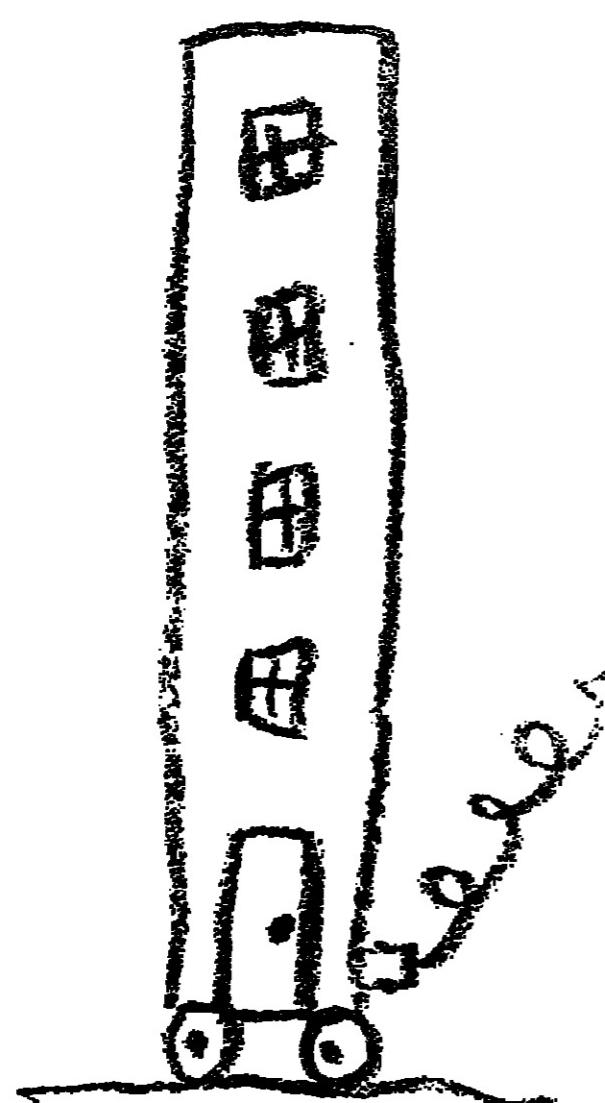
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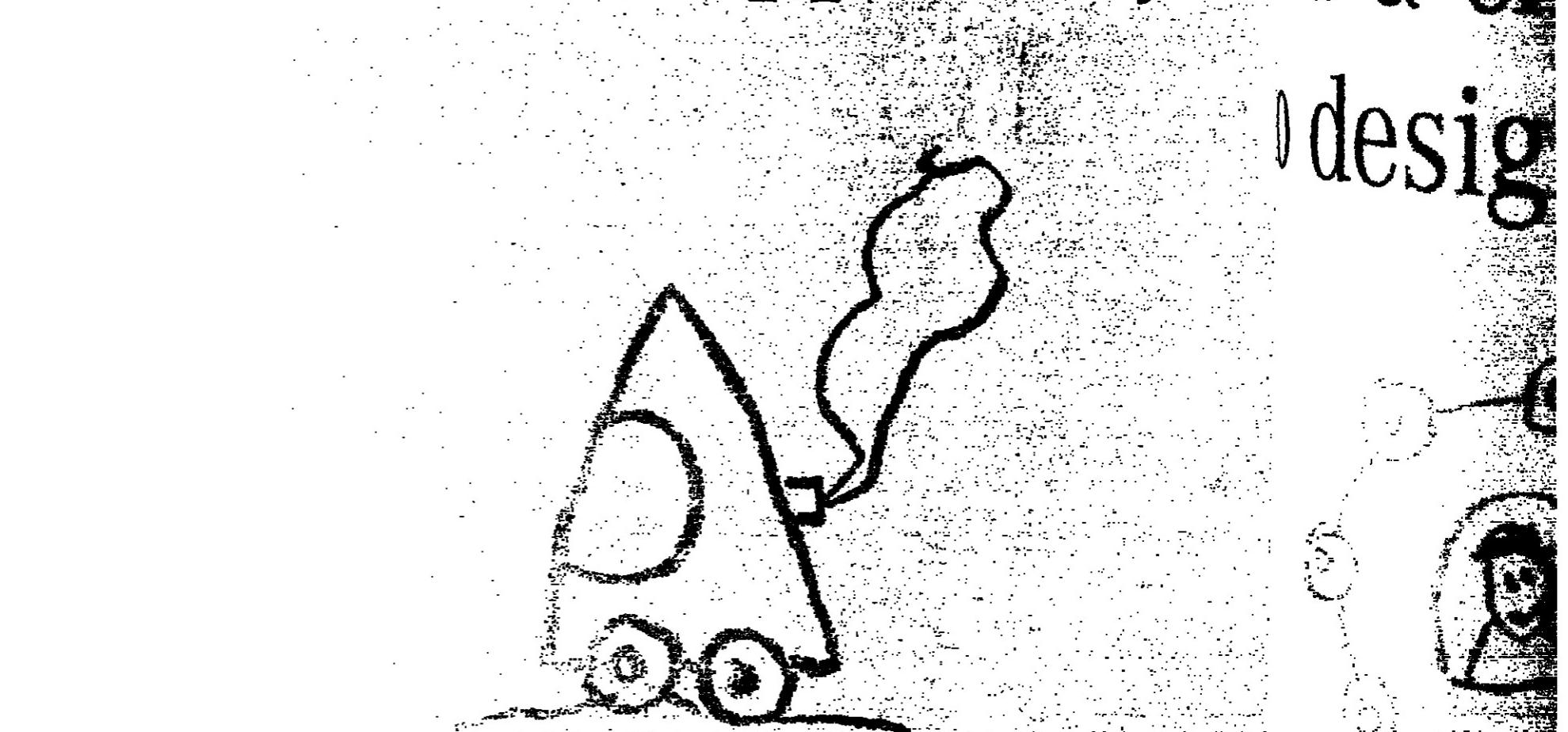
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# Isolated Bosnian Serb leader 'may seek UK asylum'

FROM TOM WALKER IN SARAJEVO

**BILJANA PLAVSIC**, the Bosnian Serb president, may seek asylum in Britain when her power struggle with the hardline clique of Radovan Karadzic, the indicted war crimes suspect, is over.

Loyalists of Dr Karadzic yesterday expelled Mrs Plavsic from the ruling Serbian Democratic Party, although she is determined to fight against the widespread corruption that has bankrupted her state.

But yesterday's Bosnian Croat newspaper, *Hrvatska Rijec*, cited an American diplomatic source who believes she may flee to Britain even if she defeats the Karadzic camp.

Journalists on the paper claim to have seen an application by Mrs Plavsic for asylum, and say her recent visit to Britain confirmed her close ties with the exiled Serbian Royal Family in London and the Orthodox community in Birmingham. The US source told *Hrvatska Rijec* that ideally Mrs Plavsic would leave Republika Srpska once Dr Karadzic had been arrested.

She would be encouraged into exile both for her own safety and to allow more moderate forces to gain a foothold in the republic.

Given the near-hysterical state of the media in Bosnia, most reporting of the Karadzic-Plavsic showdown has to be taken with a pinch of salt. But two things are certain — Mrs Plavsic further cemented her ties with the Serbian Orthodox community in Britain during a visit last month, and her life is threatened by Dr Karadzic's extensive police network. "The poor soul seems to have no place in this world and we must help her as much as we can," said the Very Rev Milenko Zebic, the Episcopcal Vicar of the Serbian Orthodox Church for Great Britain and Scandinavia, whose church is in Bourne-

ville. "She would always be welcome in the congregation. She is an extremely honest and profound Orthodox Christian," he said.

The trip, which coincided with the most important day of the Serb calendar, June 28 and the celebration of the battle of Kosovo, brought Mrs Plavsic's struggle into the media limelight. She had problems entering Britain, being detained at Heathrow for nearly two hours, and then had to cut short her visit as Karadzic's loyalists tried to re-instate Dragan Kijac, the Interior Minister, whom she had sacked.

On landing at Belgrade airport in Serbia, she was promptly arrested by President Milosevic's police, and since her release Mrs Plavsic has kept to western Republika Srpska, the only territory where she is relatively safe.

British diplomatic sources yesterday denied any knowledge of Mrs Plavsic's asylum application, adding only that she would have no future difficulties with immigration control as long as her visa were valid.

Those who met her in Birmingham, where she ate with about 30 Serbs at a Greek restaurant, strongly sympathised with Mrs Plavsic. "We



Plavsic close ties with community in Britain

## Flooded rivers threaten 20,000 Germans

BY DEBORAH COLLCUTT  
AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

MORE than 20,000 Germans living along the Polish border face evacuation today if record water levels continue to rise.

German authorities were keeping a nervous watch on strained river defences with a 500-strong team monitoring dykes along a 270-mile stretch of the border rivers Oder and Neisse. They are already severely weakened after three days of containing floodwaters flowing from Poland, and heavy rainfall over the eastern state of Brandenburg.

Flooding has caused billions of pounds of damage to towns and farm land, mostly in the Czech Republic and Poland. More than 250,000 acres of crops in some of the most fertile areas of the Czech Republic have been destroyed. Yesterday a state of emergency was declared in two eastern Czech towns, and civil defence officials said nearly 9,000 people were evacuated as a precaution in the northeast as more rain added to the worst flooding in centuries.

Nearly 100 people have been killed in the region, including 48 in Poland and 46 in the Czech Republic. Josef Lux, the Czech Deputy Prime Minister, said yesterday that another 2,500 people had been injured and 10,000 were homeless.

On the German border, water levels rose at an average of one centimetre an hour at times over the weekend, and in Frankfurt an der Oder, the largest border town in Brandenburg, they exceeded the record high of 1930. Low-lying land in the area and parts of Frankfurt's old town, cellars and streets remained flooded. Meteorologists forecast further rain there and in the Czech Republic.

Anto Nobilo, head of the general's legal team, said that the request was illegal and made "in contradiction to the prevalent opinion of most legal experts". (Reuters)



A cyclist struggles across a street in Frankfurt flooded by the swollen Oder river

droves to watch preparations were ordered to leave. In Potsdam, authorities accused the visitors of "sensation-seeking" and putting lives in danger by trampling over the sodden sandbags that hold back swollen rivers.

Manfred Stolpe, the Brandenburg prime minister, visited the stricken area at the weekend and called on rescue services and volunteers not to give in. "We still have the hardest days ahead of us," he said. "The banks could still burst." Weather experts predict it will be at least two weeks before flood levels begin to fall. However, Poland's central crisis committee said there was little chance that the chaos of the past two weeks would be repeated, as the rain

was not as heavy as first feared and endangered communities were now better prepared.

Danube shipping was suspended in Austria yesterday after days of torrential rain.

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## Storm blows over for missing sailors

BY DEBORAH COLLCUTT

A GERMAN couple, who were feared dead after their yacht was found by the Royal Navy abandoned in the Bermuda Triangle, are safe and well, nearly a year after they had given it up for stolen and returned home.

Ralf Schilling, 33, and his wife Britta, 31, were oblivious to the excitement caused by the discovery of the yacht until they were contacted by journalists. "We had such a shock, we had no idea," said Frau Schilling from their home near Düsseldorf.

The Schillings, who had intended to sail around the world, believed the yacht was stolen last September while they were ashore in the Canary Islands. "We visited some friends in the Canaries, where we moored the boat," Frau Schilling said. "When we returned three days later, Ruth was gone."

The couple, who had given up their jobs and sold their house to buy the second-hand yacht, informed the police. "We heard nothing. We stayed until November, but there was nothing else we could do, so we flew back to Germany," Frau Schilling said. They have registered an insurance claim for the *Ruth*.

A search began for the Schillings after *HMS London*, a Royal Navy frigate, found the yacht about 300 miles from Bermuda, abandoned, without sails and with mooring ropes hanging over the sides. The Schillings passports, a wedding ring, clothes and books were strewn around the cabin.

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# Of mice, muscles and Marilyn

**Professor Susan Greenfield** on the implications of a remarkable experiment on genetics

**I**magine an experiment in which, by the wonders of molecular biology, you were able to shuffle genes around with such dexterity that you could engineer mice containing extra copies of either their mother's or father's genes, instead of the usual 50-50 arrangement. Would male-gene-dominated mice be adjusting tiny medallions and swaggering around the cage looking for action?

A study involving mice, performed in Cambridge by Eric Keverne and Azim Surani, has succeeded in skewing the allocation of genes from one parent or the other. Of course, the resultant embryos, some of which survived the three weeks to full term, were hardly rodent counterparts of Marilyn Monroe and Genghis Khan. But the results might nonetheless provide fuel for all manner of sexist ripostes: the genetically father-favoured mice had abnormally large bodies with tiny brains, and the mice with a greater number of "mother genes" ended up with large brains inside large heads, but tiny bodies.

Does this suggest that too much maleness errs in favour of brain over brain? Not quite. The mice brains revealed more: the distribution of actual cells containing only paternal or maternal genes. "Paternal" brain cells tended to be aggregated in the regions of the brain conventionally associated with basic instincts and emotion — the "limbic system" — and the maternal cells were found in the classier brain areas, such as the outer layer of the brain (cortex) linked to "higher" thinking-type functions, and the region just below it in the front of the brain, the "striatum", related to the control of movement.

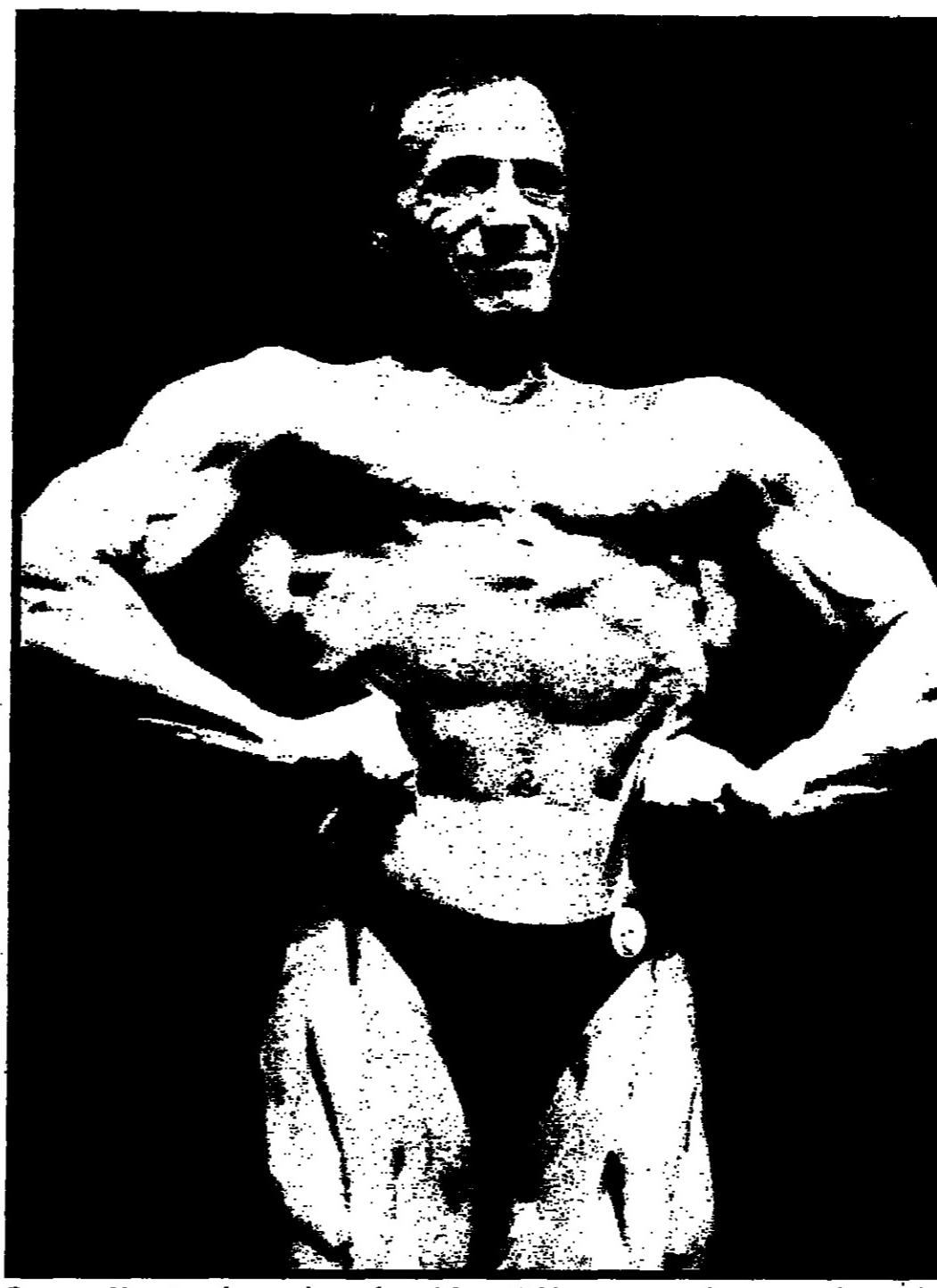
But such observations still do not prove that intelligence is a feminine attribute and emotion a masculine one. A gene donated from your mother does not come with a guarantee of femininity. And the very genre of genetic wizardry that has produced these caricature embryos has elsewhere prompted the idea that we women alone enjoy the use of a gene for intuition, which is hard to reconcile with the idea that women have excesses of cold reasoning ability. All that we might be able to say is that the propensity for

different types of mental processes would be genetically traceable to your father, others to your mother. But is even such a division, a divorce of emotions from reason, justified?

The idea of emotions and instincts from father, intelligence from mother, is based on the assumption that each process operates within one or other area of the brain, limbic system or cortex. But this tidy compartmentalisation is now being challenged. It has long been known that certain parts of the cortex, if damaged, or surgically inactivated, will result in a change in character and emotions; conversely, certain parts of the limbic system will be involved closely in the "intellectual" task of laying down of memory. A more recent idea has been advanced, emphasising instead the fast processing of certain emergency information, of danger, for example, which might happen to have an emotional component, and which might be primarily routed via the limbic system.

In general, a realistic scenario is that the cortex and the limbic system work together, in dialogue. Unfortunately, our knowledge of the brain is still in its infancy. One thing, for certain, though, is that it is very hard to attribute a specific function to a specific brain region. Sure, the brain is composed of conspicuously different parts, but these different regions are not little autonomous brains within the brain: there is no single centre for vision (in fact, there are more than 30), nor for memory, nor for language. Neuroscientists are starting to realise that instead, each brain region is a little like an instrument in an orchestra: it has its own agenda, but works in harmony as part of an holistic system to give rise to the seemingly "simple" functions that make up our daily mental activity. All the vagaries of human character cannot be pinned down to different, independent bits of brain.

But perhaps there is another interpretation to account for the predominance of maternal cells in the "higher" centres and paternal ones in the "basic" areas. The cortex and striatum, the areas where the maternal cells were dominant, are both quite bulky; in



Brawn and beauty — the experiment showed that switching genes may change some characteristics,

but there is much more involved than simple sexual stereotyping



as well as the number of neuron neighbours that will receive them. This huge flexibility of our neuronal connections means that we humans are not entirely at the mindless dictates of our genes, and hence have a far less stereotyped behavioural repertoire, compared with a mouse.

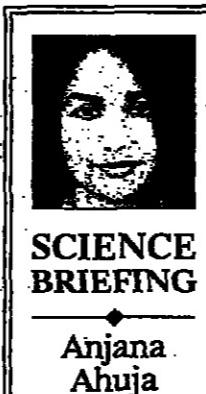
We cannot blame our genes, nor can we point to one brain region or the other if we are defending our individuality. Instead of giving us

excuses for poor performance, or grounds for jeering at the opposite sex, Keverne and Surani's remarkable work should be seen instead as providing invaluable clues as to how and why we do not merely reproduce from an unfertilised egg, but have instead a rich genetic melting pot from which to cook up, and savor, true individuality.

• *The Human Brain: A Guided Tour*, by Professor Susan Greenfield, is published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £11.99

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## Lightning reactions



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LIGHTNING remains one of nature's unpredictable, and uncontrollable, forces. It can strike at almost half the speed of light, delivering hundreds of millions of volts to whatever lies in its path. It can kill and maim; it regularly triggers power failures, sparks forest fires and disrupts navigation equipment on aircraft. Now scientists want to shoot lasers into the sky to detect it.

Lightning is the spectacular finale to a largely mysterious weather process. In storm conditions, an electrical charge builds up in thunderclouds. When the charge reaches a critical level, the cloud discharges its energy in a series of sudden bursts. Lightning rods, mounted on the sides of buildings, provide the best defence against these outbursts — lightning will take the easiest route to Earth, and a metal rod is far more alluring than air.

Research into this dramatic phenomenon has progressed well over the past two decades. In America, the National Lightning Detection Network, a web of 100 stations, has, since the Eighties, monitored the timing and magnitude of electrical discharges. The information is relayed via satellite to a control centre in Arizona, and warnings are sent to electricity companies,

airlines and the United States Strategic Air Command. It is estimated to save electricity companies half a million dollars each year because repair crews know exactly where to look for damage and are able to react swiftly. In some cases, the damage has been pre-empted.

However, the search has continued for a more sophisticated means of controlling the discharges, especially in the aerospace above sensitive installations such as nuclear power plants. Jean-Claude Diels, from the University of New Mexico, and Xin Miao Zhao, from the Los Alamos National Laboratory, reveal in next month's *Scientific American* that they plan to fire lasers into a thunderstorm. The idea is to deflect lightning strikes.

is based on the fact that lightning strikes when the air surrounding the thundercloud becomes sufficiently conductive. Lasers can be used to induce such conditions — as the lasers zoom upwards through the air, they rip the electrons of atoms, leaving a trail of positive ions in their wake. The lightning follows this electrical channel to the ground. To avoid the instruments being struck, the laser beam is diverted into the sky using a mirror, and the mirror is surrounded by lightning rods. Their idea is not without precedent. Japanese researchers recently tried aiming high-energy lasers into thunderclouds. The plan backfired because the laser was too

efficient — just as a bulldozer can be brought to a halt by rubble of its own making, the newly created ions formed a barrier through which the powerful laser could not bur-

The ultraviolet laser adopted by Professor Diels and Dr Zhao uses pulses of just a trillionth of a second. This allows it to pack a powerful punch to individual atoms, while at the same time picking a less well-defined path through the air. This prevents a solid barrier of ions forming.

However, there is another problem — the loosened electrons can quickly attach themselves to oxygen molecules, inhibiting lightning conduction. The researchers plan to overcome this by directing a second visible-light laser upwards, which shakes the electrons free again.

For now, the laser idea remains just that — the researchers have performed theoretical calculations, computer simulations and limited laboratory experiments. They plan to build a mobile version of their cumbersome laser gadget and put it through its paces at a high-voltage testing facility at Mississippi State University. Only then will they brave the electricity of the heavens.

• Nigel Hawkes is away

THE GREAT British Idea can often end up as the Great Foreign Import. A team of social scientists at Edinburgh University is investigating the matter. Led by Dr Graham Spinardi, they will track inventions patented

## Could our greatest talent be ignoring homegrown talent?

and licensed by the British Technology Group and its forerunner, the National Research Development Corporation, and examine the progress of inventions from

Germany, Japan and America, which are thought to be much better at exploiting homegrown expertise.

Dr Spinardi says that with exceptions, there is an "almost

complete failure on the part of UK industry to take advantage of indigenous inventions".

Mountain bikers ought to find the report interesting. Modern bikes are constructed from carbon fibre invented in Britain in the Sixties. Now there is only one small British manufacturer.

## Imperial mansion emerges from ashes

A TEAM of archaeologists in Italy has uncovered part of the Villa del Papir, a seaside mansion frequented by Julius Caesar in the town of Herculaneum. The mansion was buried when Mount Vesuvius erupted in AD 79.

Excavations actually began in 1750, when marble statues, mosaics and 1,800 carbonised papyrus scrolls were discovered. The project was abandoned 15 years later without explanation. Work resumed in 1990, when two shafts leading to the mansion were discovered, along with some bronze figures. The house, built on the Bay of Naples, belonged to Caesar's father-in-law. Artists' impressions show that the magnificent villa — the grandest in Herculaneum — was arranged around a courtyard and featured an enormous atrium. The Getty Museum in Malibu, California, was modeled on its majestic lines.

The recent dig has been called "miraculous" by Ian Jenkins, of the British Museum, one of the few outsiders to visit the site. One reason for the excitement is that the villa is thought to boast a fabulous library. Professor Marcello Gigante, of the University of Naples, acknowledged as the driving force behind the latest excavations, has studied some of the scrolls that were found at the site. Some have been attributed to a philosopher and poet named Philodemus. Professor Gigante suspects the hidden library may contain works by Cicero, Lucretius, Virgil and Horace.

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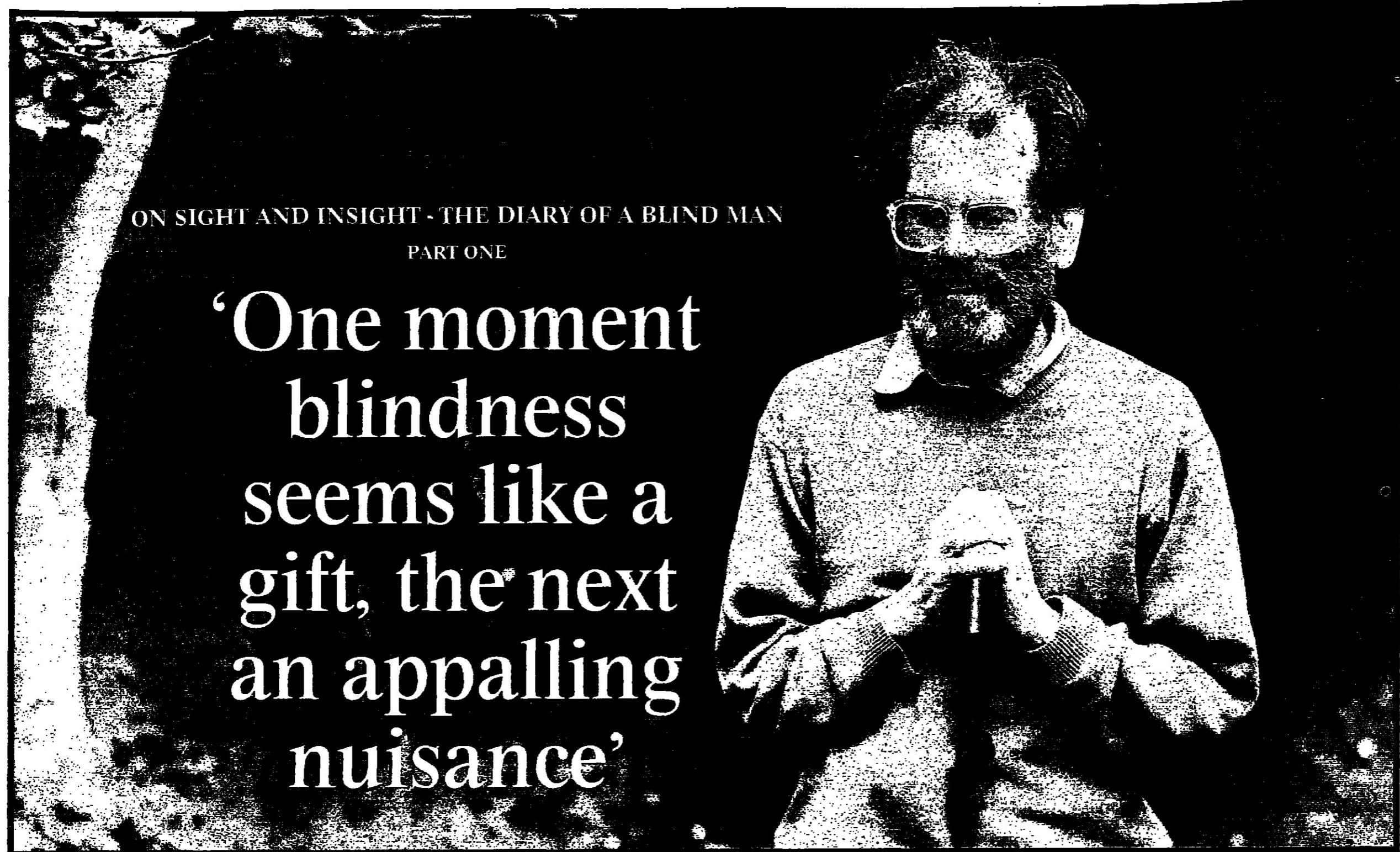
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ON SIGHT AND INSIGHT - THE DIARY OF A BLIND MAN

PART ONE

# 'One moment blindness seems like a gift, the next an appalling nuisance'

"The hardest thing is to stop living in the past and start living as a blind person. In the early days I remember saying, 'Well, I will never experience trees again'. How wrong I was! Nowadays, when I wrap my arms around a tree, trees have come back."

**J**ohn Hull was not always blind. His journey into what he calls "deep blindness" was slow and tortuous; he lost the sight in his left eye through illness in late adolescence and for much of his adult life he struggled with deteriorating vision before finally going blind at 48. His new book, *On Sight and Insight*, is a remarkable account of what it is to be blind, entering, to use one of his own metaphors, a dark tunnel from which there is no hope of emerging.

Hull, 62, is drawn to paradox and inversion. The title of the book is a canny acknowledgement of a common misconception: that the blind are in some way blessed with powers of divination; that blindness is an ambiguous symbol for insight. The blind person in history is both an object of wonder and pity. "He has the curious charisma of omniscience, as well as supposedly being blessed with an amazing memory," says Hull. "Of course, blind people have no more insight than anyone

else: blindness is an experience of complete incompetence."

And yet Hull does seem unusually blessed with deep understanding and wisdom. As Professor of Religious Education at Birmingham University, he is haunted by the great biblical paradoxes: that we are at our richest when we have nothing, that it is only in

darkness that we finally learn to see. Psalm 139, *The darkness and the light are both alike to thee*, speaks directly to his being blind. "The poignancy of those paradoxes is that they don't remain stable," he says. "So one moment blindness can seem like a dark paradoxical gift, but the next like an appalling nuisance." He feels this most acutely

when he is at home with his children, Thomas, 16, Lizzie, 15, Gabriel, 11, and Joshua, 9. At work, he is in control: he has every possible available support mechanism to do his job. But at home, he says: "I sometimes sit with this maelstrom of activity swirling around me, and feel frustrated that I can't join in. There's so much I can't do, like digging the garden, driving the car or shopping. About all I can do is wash up. So to say blindness is a transforming gift is a sort of bourgeois luxury, an insult to my family."

His wife, Marilyn, 45, works part-time as a teacher. He describes their marriage as "wonderfully successful but painful". They met in 1974 when she was studying at Birmingham. She was engaged to a vicar at the time and he was still married to his first wife, with whom he had a daughter, Imogen. The couple met a few years later at an Amnesty International event. They married in 1979 when Hull was already observing the world as if through an impenetrable mist.

John Hull was born in 1935 in Corryong, Victoria, the son of a Methodist minister who emigrated from England to

Australia in 1915. As a sickly, introspective boy, he was unusually close to his mother, inheriting her evangelical fervour. The cause of his poor eyesight was a rare genetic condition called Vagena's syndrome. As a result, he was afflicted with acute dermatitis, asthma and late-maturing catarracts. Beneath his thick, unruly beard there are patches of inflamed skin, and when he laughs you can hear the distant seagulls in his lungs.

The most powerful passages are where Hull engages with the natural world. His aural sensitivity fills the book with the sound of rain, the rustling of trees and a distant rumble of thunder. He even builds a porch at the back of his house to which, he sometimes retreats in the middle of the night to listen to the rain. The experience sends his thoughts racing back to family holidays in tents, the rain "whispering like my mother's voice".

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living in the past and start living as a blind person," he says. "In the early days I remember saying to myself 'Well, I will never experience trees again'. How wrong I was! Nowadays, when I wrap my arms around a tree, trees have come back. That ability to experience beauty through the hands took such a long time to come..."

The book ends in August 1991 when he stopped keeping a diary. He no longer felt the need to monitor his experience, having reached a kind of peace. He says: "Blindness can be a way, and I have only partially realised this, of understanding and overcoming the great historical divisions of humanity into the weak and the strong, those in wealth and those in poverty, those in sickness and in health. To grasp this is to turn the stigma of blindness into a calling, from stigma to stigmata. There is a sense of release in his words.

"He refuses to live nostalgic, lost in contemplation of what might have been. Rather, he is determined to live creatively, facing his condition with lucidity and wit while extracting meaning from it. The hardest thing is to stop

**J**ohn Hull, who went blind at the age of 48, is haunted by the paradoxes of his condition. Interview by Jason Cowley

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# 'Daddy doesn't need the light'

Professor Hull started to keep a cassette diary of his experiences shortly after he was registered blind in 1983. Below are extracts from it...

**A**bout a year after I was registered blind, I began to have such strong images of what people's faces looked like that they were almost like hallucinations. It was like looking at a television set. Several times in my life I have been temporarily without sight, often in eye hospitals.

I have had this strange experience of getting to know the nurses through their voices and inevitably forming some mental image of them, only to find when sight returned that I was completely wrong. So I have good reason to believe that the images I have formed of the people whom I have met as a blind person are probably quite false.

When a sighted person makes a new acquaintance, sight alone enables him or her to form certain impressions and to get ready to meet a certain kind of person. The blind person, on the other hand, does not know what he or she is meeting. To say that this removes the possibility of facile first impressions is itself facile. The first impression which the blind person does receive of a new acquaintance, of the voice, the touch of the hand and so on, may be equally misleading. We are constantly forming hypotheses about a new acquaintance, not only during the first few moments of the encounter, but throughout the years of that relationship. The blind person simply has a lot less information to go on when forming these hypotheses. One of the results is that it takes a blind person longer to get to know somebody.

NOVEMBER 22, 1983

Thomas and I were playing with a little plastic turtle, about three inches in diameter. He hid it behind my glasses, covering my left eye and said, in a teasing voice, "Now Daddy, can't see with that eye." Daddy can only see with that eye, pointing to the right eye. Then removed the turtle from my left eye, laughed and remarked, "Now Daddy can see again."

In all of our human relationships, there is a natural assumption of reciprocity. I speak and I expect you to speak; I extend my hand and I expect you to extend your hand. I smile, I expect you to return my smile. So it is with sight. I see you, I expect that you see me.

Marilyn has often remarked that I tend to play with the children in a dark room, having forgotten to turn the lights on. We are often amused by the fact that the children accept this without comment, as if it were perfectly normal.

Last Monday night I took Thomas upstairs into my study intending to listen to a cassette together. We went into the room, I closed the door. The curtains were drawn and it was, in any case, pitch dark outside. I made no comment nor did Thomas. He sat down on my knee, we got out the cassettes and I put one or two on the deck in order to locate the track I wanted. Having found it, I suggested to Thomas that he should find the corresponding pictures in the book which went with the cassette. He got down, went across towards the shelf where the books are kept, then hesitated, moved towards the light switch by the door, and said, "Thomas' warns the light, Thomas can't see without the light."

It occurred to me afterwards that the implications of this are that Thomas thinks I can see in the dark. He can't see without the lights on; I can see whether it's light or dark.

I do not suppose that he has actually formed this thought in his mind as a sentence, that I can see in the dark, but it may well be the taken-for-granted belief which is the

presupposition of this behaviour with me. He is, after all, perfectly used to the idea that adults can do things which he cannot do. As Daddy, can lift things which are too heavy for him. It would seem only natural that I, as Daddy, can see in conditions where he cannot see. After all, it might be said that I behave exactly as if I really can see in the dark. I never ask to have the light put on, and never bother about whether it is on or not.



Tom and Lizzie shortly after Gabriel's birth in 1988

How, then, does Thomas construe his relationship with me? He would assume reciprocity. As he is to me, so I am to him. He would also assume my superiority. Anything he can do, I can do better.

Imogen, who is now about ten-and-a-half years old, seems to have forgotten that so recently I was able to see. She made a reference to the fact that when I was a little boy I could see. She seemed surprised when Marilyn and I laughed and corrected her. Marilyn reminded her that I could see when I was a grown man. Only a few days ago Imogen and I were reminiscing about something we had done together which clearly involved me being able to see.

FEBRUARY 26, 1984

Thomas had asked me if he could have the light on in the room where we are playing. It had not occurred to me that it had become dark. He had explained, "Thomas needs the

light, Daddy doesn't need the light."

MARCH 31, 1984

We were listening again to the cassette of the story of Rapunzel. When we came to the part where the witch throws the prince out of the window of the tower on to the thorns which blind him and where the prince wanders through the forest with his stick looking for Rapunzel, Thomas asked, "Why was he

to have all the time in the world."

Sighted people can bend time. For unsighted people, time is sometimes slow and sometimes rapid. They can make up for being lazy by rushing later on. Things can be gathered up quickly in a few minutes. The reason why I do not seem to be in a hurry as I go around the building is not that I have less to do than my colleagues but I am simply unable to hurry.

It takes me almost exactly 22 minutes to walk from my front door to my office. I cannot do it in 15, and if I tried to take 20 minutes over it, I would probably get lost, because knowledge of the route depends, to some extent, upon maintaining the same speed. The measured pace, the calm concentration, the continual recollection of exactly how far one has come and how far is still to go, the pause at each marked spot to make sure that one is orientated, all this must be conducted at the same controlled pace. Whether it rains or shines, I just go on.

MAY 11, 1984

I was walking home after an evening class. I heard running feet approaching, stopping perhaps 20 yards away. A fierce, harsh, male voice distorted with anger and malice, shouted, "Are you blind, mate? You're not blind! How did you get blind? You're not blind!"

I was so surprised by the abruptness and the manner of the address, that I stood perfectly still. I waited for a moment, in silence, wondering whether to reply. Again my accuser spat out his question.

Quietly, but hoping that my voice sounded firm and clear, I replied, "Yes, I am blind."

I sensed he was coming closer to me. "You dirty \*\*\*\*\* bastard. You're not blind!"

I tried to resist the impulse to lift up my briefcase and hold it in front of me, for I had the impression that he was about to hit me. I thought any nervousness might have encouraged him to attack me. He seemed to move off to the left a little, and when he spoke again it was from far away. From even farther away, he

said after me one final "You're not blind!" and then he seemed to disappear.

A blind friend who makes a living by busking in shopping centres told me that he is often attacked by youths who accuse him of being a fraud. I have never had this particular experience before.

JULY 7, 1984

Once he is on it, a stairway is one of the safest places for a blind person. You never find a chair left on a stairway, or a bucket or a brick. There is never a stair missing from a stairway, and all the stairs are the same height. There is almost always a handrail or at least a wall to touch.

Most sighted people tend to assume that stairs will be dangerous for the blind. The blind person needs to know two things first, that he or she is approaching stairs, second, that the stairs go down. Most sighted guides disclose the first fact, very many forget about the second.

What blind people find difficult are smooth, open spaces. It is just these areas which are assumed by sighted people to be the best for blind people, because there is no danger of tripping. From the blind point of view, this is not negotiable because there are no orientating signals. There is no way of telling where you are, once you are on it.

JULY 9, 1984

I was walking in the city centre when someone offered me a packet of mints. "Thank you," I said, brightly accepting the sweets with a cheerful smile. "That's all right," replied my benefactor, "I had decided to give them to the next child I met anyway."

At a formal dinner, the main course was chicken on the bone. I asked the person next to me to wave to the waitress, to ask the kitchen staff to take the chicken off the bone for me. She said that would be quite unnecessary; she would cut up the chicken. "I cut up a meal for a handicapped child only the other day."

A disabled adult man loses part of his manhood, part of his adulthood, and part of his humanity. I know Jesus told

us we should repent and become as little children, but I don't want it in this way. I don't like having my adulthood wrenched from me.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1984

My memory is like the memory of a snail. My body can recollect the narrow little strip of ground over which I have passed, and it consists of tiny details, so tiny, as to be irrelevant from the point of view of the cat and dog.

OCTOBER 13, 1984

Last night Marilyn and I were talking about whether or not it would have made a difference

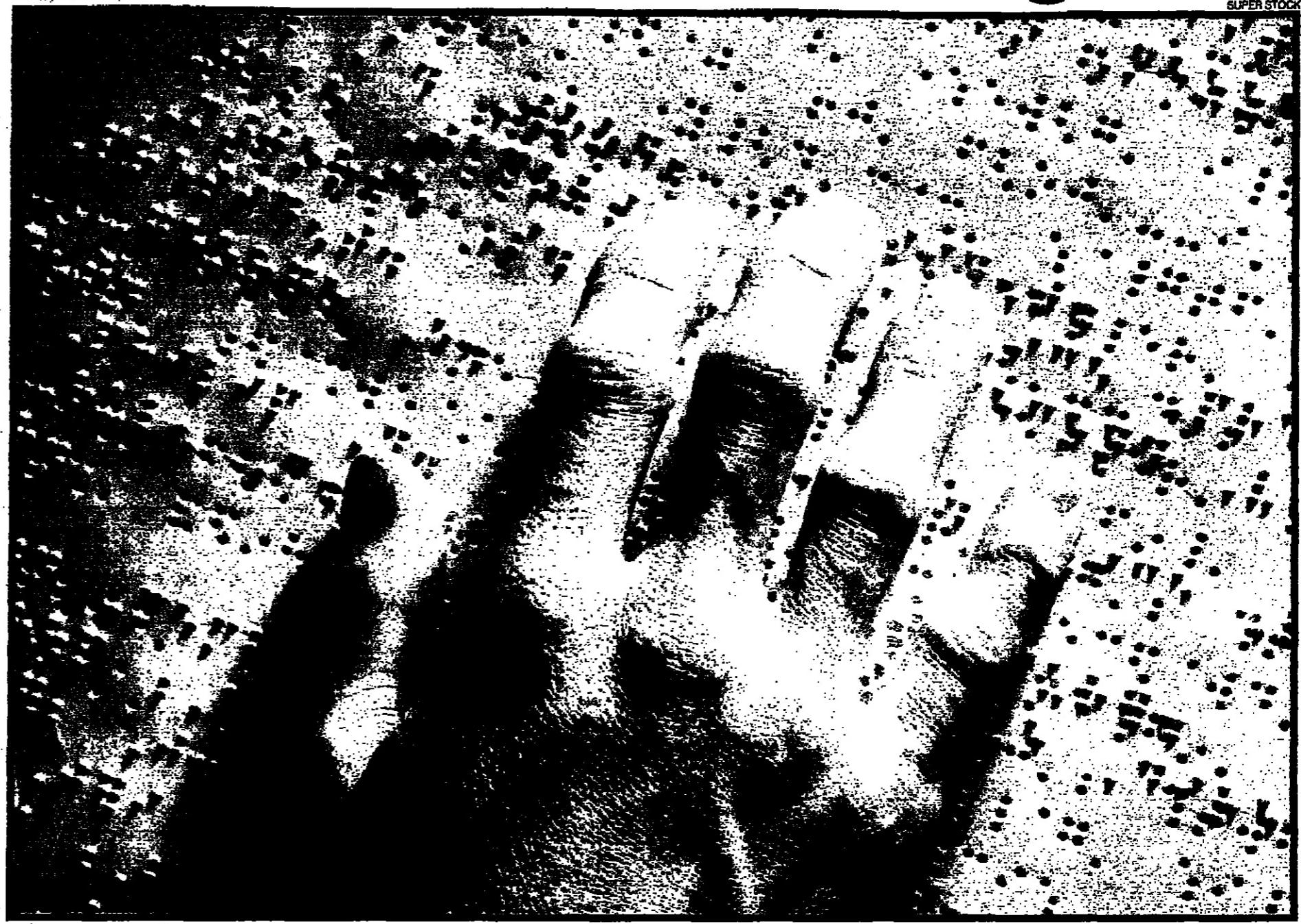
to my feelings about Thomas and Elizabeth if I had ever seen them. Is the fact that I have never seen them going to be a permanent loss in my relationship with them?

Imogen bridges both lives. She was seven when I lost my sight. Is it not possible that she will remain in my imagination fixed at the age of seven, while Marilyn will always remain young and beautiful?

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## An epic First Night

AHEAD of us at the 1997 Proms lie such unusual entertainments as a medley of Lennon and McCartney songs. But Friday's stupendous First Night was business as usual. Only Beethoven. Only the *Missa Solemnis*, greatest of all choral works. Only a performance that exhilarated the senses and stirred the soul. Only an average night at the Proms.

What is it about this concert series that lifts musicians to superhuman levels? Perhaps it is that massive crowd sweltering in the arena, gripped as if in a trance. There is certainly a quasi-religious element to a big Proms occasion – and that suits Beethoven's epic setting of the Catholic mass, which is at once profoundly spiritual and startlingly personal.

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Beethoven was no regular churchman, and the *Missa Solemnis* is no ordinary response to Christian words, but a statement of primal beliefs – in liberation, in joy fiercely expressed, in the human spirit's capacity to transcend despair. Beethoven's exuberance erupts like a volcano. Here, for instance, the Gloria's whirling finish was simply awesome when hurled out by the BBC Singers and BBC Symphony Chorus.

But elsewhere the music is serene and, in the wrong hands, inscrutable: a sound world of ancient modes reborn, where conventional time seems suspended and vocal and instrumental lines spin ever onwards, as if defying the limits of flesh and muscle. These passages are the true test of a conductor, and Bernard Haitink was simply magnificent.

He inspired impassioned solo singing, particularly from Karita Mattila and Catherine Wyn-Rogers. He coaxed ravishing phrasing from the BBC Symphony Orchestra's woodwinds, and an ethereal violin solo from Michael Davis. His pacing was exemplary: his authority absolute.

Most important of all, though, he brought extraordinary intensity to even the quietest passage. And this is a man who refused to conduct the *Missa Solemnis* until he reached his late sixties, claiming that he was "not ready". He's certainly ready now. I cannot recall hearing a performance so worthy of Beethoven's famous dedication of this work: "From the heart, may it reach the heart". It did.

**RICHARD MORRISON**

• This review appeared in some editions of The Times on Saturday



Spiritualized soul brother: the cracked voice and broken-hearted songs of Jason Pierce

## Old master of all trades

IT HAS always been difficult to pin down Taj Mahal. Ever since he emerged from the Rising Sons in the late 1960s to play acoustic blues in the middle of a progressive rock explosion, he's been a hard act to categorise – and to follow.

After exploring both African and Caribbean rhythms he may be a little more musically focused now – at the Empire, he introduced his five-piece backing group as a blues band – but there is always the odd surprise up his sleeve as he slips from one tradition to another.

The evening started with Taj the soul singer launching into a frantic brass-punctuated version of the old 5

Royales/James Brown standard *Think*, followed by the catchy *Irresistible You*, which only the most diehard anorak would have known was an early 1960s hit for the Bobby Petron Quintet.

There then followed a nod in the direction of Jamaica with a reggae-flavoured version of *(I'll Be) Glad When You're Dead*. You Rascal You, before we were taken to Texas and New Country with Delbert McClinton's *Having a Real Bad*

Day. With scarcely a pause for breath between musical idioms, he ended this particular trip by what he called "bringing jazz to the blues generation" in the shape of the Horace Silver-penned title track of his new album, *Senior Blues*.

The songs were wonderful, the voice at times a little hoarse, but effective, and the hacking, including that of the British-born keyboards maestro Jon Cleary, superb. The audience loved him to bits. Not necessarily an evening with lots to think about, but certainly one with lots to enjoy.

JOHN CLARKE

# Spirits rising in eight easy stages

After the Glastonbury mudbath, Stratford's Phoenix Festival was a sunlit affair. Ann Scanlon reports

In among the hundreds of tents, stalls, fairground rides and eight stages that made up this year's Phoenix Festival at Long Marston, Stratford-upon-Avon, a couple of giant Pot Noodles reached up into the sky like a giant victory sign. Dull and lifeless amid the colour and vibrancy of the rest of the site, the Pot Noodles looked like a symbol of exactly how big and how commercial summer music festivals have become.

After a fairly low-key birth, the Phoenix Festival was finally given the chance to shine last year when Glastonbury was cancelled and it was blessed with four days of glorious sunshine. Ironically, it was the return of Glastonbury and the horrendous weather that went with it that caused the fifth Phoenix Festival to get off to a quiet start.

The weather forecast was not exactly for another mudbath but it was windy enough to cause *Fun Lovin' Criminals* a few problems on the main stage on Thursday evening. The New York trio sounded clear enough on their recent hit single, *Scooby Snacks*, a Quentin Tarantino-esque mixture of sharp hip-hop and dumb cartoon, but much of their set was ruined by heavy distortion.

Black Grape's headline appearance on the main stage was one of the most eagerly anticipated performances of the weekend, particularly since they are currently recording the follow-up to their excellent 1995 debut album *It's Great When You're Straight... Yeah!*. Shaun Ryder did his usual stuff – ambling

around the stage, pint in hand, previewing new songs – yet the band failed to connect with the crowd. It was a bit like expecting to see your favourite football team playing at home in a Cup semi-final and finding yourself watching them away to some non-league.

It was Spiritualized, instead, who provided the highlight of the weekend. They created their own world in the more intimate surroundings of the second stage and, with the

Some sounds definitely should not be heard in the sunlight,

help of sax, strings, severe distortion, the London Community Gospel Choir and a huge silver mirror ball, managed to transport the audience with them. Jason Pierce's cracked voice and broken-hearted songs make a mockery of the increasing trend of post-Britpop bands to bandy the word "soul" about – judged against this, most of them will never know what it means for him alone.

Under Saturday's bright sunshine the most popular tent was the Radio 1 Dance Stage, with live PAs from Bentley Rhythm Ace and the mysterious Tao Jones Index, which turned out to be a drum and bass set from David Bowie complete with spectacular Ministry of Sound visuals.

### FILM

Helena Bonham-Carter speaks French, and lots of it, in *Portraits Chinois*. OPENES: Friday. REVIEW: Thursday



### PROMS

Sir Peter Maxwell Davies conducts the world premiere of his *Sails in St Magnus*. CONCERT: Fri. Albert Hall. REVIEW: Monday

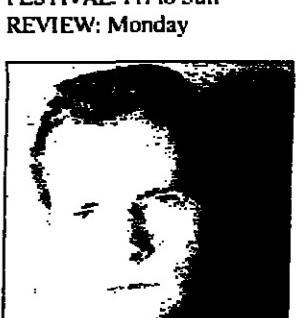


### MUSICAL

Issy van Randwyk goes alfresco for *Kiss me Kate* in Regent's Park. FIRST NIGHT: Thursday. REVIEW: Saturday

### POP

Womad takes to the fields again at Rivermead, Reading. FESTIVAL: Fri to Sun. REVIEW: Monday



### THEATRE

Martin McDonagh's Leenane trilogy arrives at the Duke of York's. FIRST NIGHT: Saturday. REVIEW: Monday



Taj Mahal is still singing the blues – and a whole lot else besides

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# There is still a place for culture

**Derwent May defends an ideal under threat from the lobbyists**

Penguin Books has just brought out a new edition of a great 19th-century book that has almost been forgotten: *The History of Civilisation in Europe*, by the French bourgeois statesman, François Guizot.

Civilisation, Guizot said, was the city art — the art of living prosperously and in peace together. He traced the growth of the institutions that had made that possible, but he also highlighted its companion growth — the rise of the civilised individual, responsible and tolerant in his private dealings with others.

But there was another development that was creating much interest, especially in Britain, in Guizot's time — the rise of the cultured person, the pursuer of "sweetness and light united", in Matthew Arnold's phrase in his *Culture and Anarchy*. "Culture," said Chris Smith the other day, launching his new arts initiative, "is at the heart of what it means to be a civilised society." But are they the same thing, the "civilised" and the "cultured" person? And is either ideal worth pursuing today?

I think that they are quite different things — but that neither model has lost any of its importance and power. One can certainly be civilised without being cultured. There are many homes in Britain today where you will not see a book or a picture on the wall, and where most of the music and the drama come by courtesy of Carlton TV or its fellow programmers, but where the manners are gentle, the sense of responsibility strong, the friendship with neighbours real and trustworthy.

It would be hard to imagine a more "civilised" way of life among individuals, or to find one in human history. Yet there is still a poverty — which can only be called a poverty of culture — in those lives.

But can people be "cultured" without being civilised? To some extent, we are all inclined to believe that they can. "Culture" was being mocked even before Arnold had finished his great work of formulating it. W.S. Gilbert's brilliant lampoon on the aesthete Bunthorne, "the man of culture rare", in *Patience* in 1881, expressed a common feeling that a preoccupation with art might distract a man from his duties as a robust citizen (even if it made him all too attractive to women).

In fact the idea of "culture" has received many knocks in the past century. D.H. Lawrence, civilised and cultured though he in fact was, could still warn his contemporaries that culture was a deadly trap if one wanted to get in touch with one's "true self". We all have in our heads a comic picture of the modern "culture culture", perched on the parapet of Waterloo Bridge and surveying the South Bank auditoriums and galleries with a cold and greedy eye.

On the other hand, the deconstructionists find no more value in *Hamlet* than in a advertisement

(though I think they can be left to their analyses — or their analysts). Attempts have been made to drain the very word "culture" of the meaning that it formerly had, and apply it to any vaguely coherent way of life in any society, rather than to the tissue of rich perceptions and feelings that artists and thinkers have made available to us over the centuries — the Arnolodian meaning of the word, and the one I think most precious.

Nowadays there are innumerable lobbyists for "more money for the arts", but unlike the minister, many of them would shudder at the idea that they are interested in "culture". Perhaps they are right that many of the events that they would like to put on would not contribute much to that idea. Yet I think that the Arnolodian idea, properly understood, can still command our respect.

For we recognise them too — the people of real culture. They are not, perhaps, very many — but they bring something irreplaceable to our conversations and debates. They are at home with both the mind and the feelings: they know what the most remarkable men and women in history have thought, the joys they have found in life and the beauty they have found in the world.

Nowadays the cultured will also understand how man has evolved, and how the universe grew — because there have never really been "two cultures", of science and art, for those who wanted to know what the human mind and imagination were working on in their lifetime.

That degree of culture eludes most of us, and we may never be able to detect the return of the second subject in a symphonic movement, or reconstruct a philosophical argument that at the time we thought we had completely grasped. We may have to stick for most of the time to trying just to be civilised — which may sometimes prove to be almost as hard.

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**Peter Riddell**  
on the close  
harmony  
between Labour  
and big business

**T**he true nature of a political leader is shown by whom he most wants to please, and not to upset. For past Labour Prime Ministers, it was trade union leaders. For Tony Blair, it is top businessmen. One of the most important recent shifts in politics has been big business's growing distance from the Tory leadership and its increasing closeness to new Labour. That realignment is now being taken further with the divergence between the Confederation of British Industry's positive approach to a single currency, to be confirmed tomorrow, and the Tories' growing scepticism.

A striking feature of Labour's election campaign was the prominence given to endorsements by industrialists. That courtship has continued. First, there was the appointment of David Simon of BP, as a minister. Arguably, his main value to Mr Blair was the mere fact of the willingness of such a prominent industrialist to join the Government, rather than the insights he can offer. The Tory attacks about his BP shareholding are mostly unfair, despite carelessness in Whitehall when he was appointed about how he should handle potential conflicts of interest. The Government has also been keen to enlist other leading industrialists in advisory positions, such as Martin Taylor of Barclays, Sir Peter Davis, of the Prudential, and Chris Haskins, of Northern Foods.

As revealing has been the reaction of the Government — and, in particular, of No 10 — to business worries. Populist attacks by ministers on the remuneration of Camelot directors were quickly ended and business was

reassured that the Government was not going to challenge the right of boards to set executive pay. Similarly, Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, emphasised that the windfall tax on the utilities in the Budget was not only a one-off levy, but was also to do with the past.

The sensitivities of the Prime Minister to big business have been shown by the saga of the Budget proposal to end foreign income dividends. These are dividends paid free of UK tax by British multinationals out of their already taxed foreign earnings. Several leading multinationals immediately protested that this would hit them badly and they might have to consider moving their headquarters overseas. This alarmed officials in Downing Street, who said the Treasury had not alerted them to

have applied for the job," says a spokesman in the Sergeant at Arms Office. "We have not set a price limit, but £30 seems to be the going rate for a trim."

## Kim dancing

REDEMPTION at last for couples living together out of wedlock in South Korea comes thanks to the lifting of a 689-year-old ban on marriage between people with the same surname. The law, passed in 1908 to prevent inbreeding among the rural population, was finally declared unconstitutional last Wednesday.

● There were vulgar scenes in West London yesterday when youths erupted into song outside the home of Peter Mandelson, Minister without Portfolio. "Come out Mandyl, if you're hard enough," was the Zam refrain in Notting Hill Gate. Happily, Mandelson was in his constituency, Hartlepool, and unable to rise to the challenge.

## Sign here

WHILE Chris Patten compiles his memoirs in a lonely gite in Langue-doc, back in Hong Kong the Chinese auctioneers are amassing a small fortune from his autograph. Certificates bearing Patten's signature in his former capacity as Chancellor of Hong Kong University are being sold at auction in the province for £1,800, double the val-

ue of a J.F. Kennedy autograph and equal to that of an Abraham Lincoln.

## No, minister

STILL RECOVERING from their late night last year, members of the Athenaeum Club in London are too tired to hold their summer ball. Last year 100 diplomats and Sir Humphreys donned white tie and waltzed to a Viennese quintet beneath the club's gilded statue of the goddess Athena. For many, however, the exertion was too much. "It was all rather exhausting," says a former swinger. "We've decided to save ourselves for the millennium."

● There is a macabre touch to Elizabeth Hurley's forays into academia. Along with gardening and embroidery, the list of her hobbies in the 1998 edition of International Who's Who includes toxicology — the study of poison.

## Bit parts

THOSE WISHING to appraise Fion Jenkins, the fair-haired fiance of William Hague, need head no further than the Conservative Central Office bookshop in West

minster next month, when her photograph will be available in the form of a 350-piece jigsaw puzzle. Also in the picture, but relegated to a background position, will be Hague. One thousand copies of the "Engagement Puzzle" will be available at £4.99 each, before they are replaced by the "Wedding Puzzle" after the ceremony in December. "We had a 250-piece jigsaw done of William for the Scottish conference which was terribly popular," says a spokesperson at the bookshop. "But the addition of Fion is bound to boost sales."

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# Camilla edges a little closer to the throne

its only advantage is that it would help to settle Charles and make him happy — no small gain, if it were achieved. The Queen's golden wedding party last week showed how sure her sense of public relations usually is. But one may doubt whether she would, in the last resort, refuse her son permission to marry. Perhaps Tony Blair would be tougher than the Queen, but he is a modern man, tolerant in personal matters, so that too may be doubted.

The greatest difficulty still lies in public opinion. We all have informal, continuous contact groups with our friends and acquaintances. My impression is that the young are more sympathetic to remarriage than the old, men more sympathetic than women, town than country, republicans than monarchists. Even if general public opinion is becoming gradually more favourable, certain sections are still against remarriage. Many of the most loyal monarchists remain opposed. It does not help Prince Charles that most republicans would be perfectly happy for him to remarry.

In the past 50 years, the monarchy has become a vulnerable institution. Even in the 1950s, when the Queen came to the throne, a hereditary monarchy at the centre of the Commonwealth and empire, presiding over Parliament and the Church of England, seemed much more natural than it does now. In the 1990s it depends on popularity, public skills and personal confidence: the Queen herself has maintained the institution, but the institution is undoubtedly weaker than it was. If he wants to do so, Prince Charles can probably remarry, become King and make Mrs Parker Bowles Queen. He will, however, pay some price for it, and nobody can tell him, or the Prime Minister, how high that price might prove to be.

# Who is calling Blair's tune?



setting up an advisory group of business leaders to examine the practical implications. This is intended to keep the issue alive. Mr Brown is nearer the CBI's more positive "when Britain is ready" stand than wait-and-see: Mr Blair's position is opaque. My hunch is that he wants to see if public opinion can be led in a more pro-European direction. So if monetary union is launched successfully, there will be a widespread demand for entry, not least from business.

The new Tory leadership has ruled itself out of this debate. William Hague may not have satisfied the ultra-septics by opposing entry on principle, but his rejection of it for both this Parliament and the next one puts the Tories on the opposite side from big business and the CBI. So what, say, many members of the Shadow Cabinet and Thatcherite industrialists. On their view, the CBI is primarily the voice of manufacturing groups with large European interests, rather than small business and services. In fact, small businesses in the CBI are as keen on monetary union as the multinationals, though there are big divisions within industry and the City over its merits.

But it would be an historic divorce if the Tories differed from the CBI and big business on such a fundamental issue. That is exactly what the Labour leadership is hoping. Tory pro-Europeans believe that pressure from business will eventually pull the party back into the mainstream. One reason for introducing proportional representation for the European elections in 1999 is to highlight such Tory divisions. Some Tory MEPs already face reselection problems and many pro-Europeans will find it hard to swallow a probably sceptic manifesto. But PR offers some of these Tory MEPs the chance to stand on their own and perhaps winning a few seats. No wonder some Tory leaders are worried. They know that the battle for the hearts and minds — not to say the wallets — of industry is crucial to political credibility. At present, Mr Blair retains the goodwill of big business. Mr Hague cannot afford to ignore it and his views on Europe.



Puzzler: Fion Jenkins

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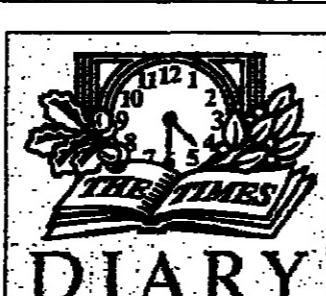
# Straight talk

THE DEFEATED Exeter Conservative Dr Adrian Rogers will be ruing the day that he called his homosexual Labour opponent, Ben Bradshaw, a disease-ridden pervert. For in an interview in this week's edition of the parliamentary publication *The House Magazine*, Bradshaw, a declared homosexual, has decided to retaliate.

"I knew Dr Rogers from my days on Radio Devon and I relished the

challenge of standing against him and standing up to that kind of bigotry," he recalls. "The gay issue was all he could talk about and his stock phrase for describing me was: 'Godforsaken, sterile disease-ridden pervert.'

The personal enmity between the pair was fuelled when Rogers, the president of the Conservative Family Institute, dubbed Bradshaw "Ben Ben" and called on voters not



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to "let the pink flag fly over Exeter". Rogers's indefatigable attack on his opponent ("he's a media man, he likes Europe, he lives in Berlin, he rides a bike, he's everything about society which is wrong") culminated in his eve-of-poll leaflet to constituents entitled "Do you want an MP who wants to promote homosexuality in schools?" For the beleaguered Bradshaw, this was too much. "He suggested that I represented a threat to Exeter schoolchildren," he tells *The House Magazine*. "Therefore it was very important, not only to win, but to win well — which I did."

● There will be no more cheap haircuts in the House of Commons when Stephen Silverne, resident barber since 1970, retires after the summer recess. "Fifty hairdressers



Out and out opponents: Dr Adrian Rogers and Ben Bradshaw

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## GOODBYE TO ALL THAT

Dearing signals the end of free higher education

A little knowledge may or may not be a dangerous thing. It will certainly soon be more expensive. On Wednesday, Sir Ron Dearing's committee of inquiry will release its report on the future funding of higher education. It looks certain that he will recommend the abolition of the remaining grant elements in student finance and the adoption of part-payments for tuition fees. The Government appears set to accept his arguments. Any assessment of Sir Ron's analysis should await publication of the text in full. The principles upon which he will base his prescription seem, however, to be clear enough. What the Anderson and Robbin's reports introduced 35 years ago will be buried by David Blunkett.

There will be outrage from certain, predictable quarters. Universities will insist that all the additional resources raised return to the ivory towers. Gordon Brown and Mr Blunkett will be reluctant to offer such a blanket assurance. Oxford and Cambridge will fight hard to preserve their privileged funding arrangements. This time they may find that their friends in high places do not deliver. Many parents, especially those who will face the full-reputed £1,000 annual tuition fee, will feel that "New Labour, New Mortgage" was not what they voted for on May 1. A middle class backlash is not impossible.

Neither, however, is it inevitable. Tony Blair is taking a calculated risk that he will escape serious wrath from the electorate. It is quite possible that the public reaction will be closer to resignation than revolts. The progression erosion of the student grant over two decades has softened attitudes. Few would seriously contest the need for some sort of reform. The view that Britain spends too much on too few in its universities at the expense of its schools is now well established. The burden of proof today lies with

defenders of the status quo.

The leaders of higher education itself have followed the same trends. Not long ago the idea of loans and part payments of fees would have been denounced as despotic. Dons would have rushed to lecture that access to learning, especially for those from poorer backgrounds, would be severely restricted. The notion that this proposal might be promoted by a Labour Government would have been deemed quite impossible. This week, Sir Ron's words of wisdom will be widely welcomed in academia — provided that tutors, not the Treasury, benefit from the proceeds. Even the National Union of Students may find it difficult to drum up a decent demonstration.

But nostalgia will be all-pervasive even if the outcry is muted. The days of subsidised study will remain strong in the national memory. The era of late mornings and long nights, all courtesy of the tax payer, has been an integral aspect of the middle class experience. Only the most puritanical of parents will not harbour some sorrow that this same pattern will not be passed down to their sons and daughters. There will be the strong suspicion that the ultimate arrival of a £10,000 invoice will alter university culture. The same specialised professionalism that affects so much of life will soon strike every student too.

For those who share such disquiet, there is little left except to wait for Sir Ron Dearing. A powerful sense of inevitability surrounds his pronouncements. With the mutilation of MIRAS and now the end of free higher education, all the major middle class perks in the tax system are under assault. This is, in some sense, the price of success. Wider home ownership and the million-strong student population have made old advantages unaffordable. That will not lessen the shock of the cost when it finally comes.

## MOI'S BAD FAITH

Britain should reconsider its aid to Kenya

After weeks of violent unrest in which his own security forces have played a disgraceful role, President Daniel arap Moi has promised legal and constitutional reforms which, if implemented in good faith, could set Kenya on the path to genuine political pluralism. Before the presidential and parliamentary elections due later this year, the existing Parliament, dominated by KANU, the ruling Kenyan African National Union, is to review 11 repressive laws, some dating back to colonial times. A commission will be set up to review Kenya's constitution; and Vice-President George Saitoti has further promised that opposition politicians will have free access to the state media.

Kenya's opposition parties insist that they will not relax their vigilance; nor should the 21 foreign governments who have condemned the bloodshed and demanded dialogue and political reform. Good faith is not Mr Moi's hallmark; he is adept at giving just enough ground to split the opposition and placate his international critics, only to reclaim it later. Kenya has had too many broken promises of constitutional reform. Tellingly, KANU's promise to repeal or amend the offending laws is hedged with the words "where deemed necessary". That leaves Mr Moi as much leeway as he decides he can get away with exercising. He must be left in no doubt that this time he has none.

Durable reform means that Mr Moi must not cheat Kenyans of true political choice, as he did in the comprehensively manipulated multi-party elections of 1992. Before the next elections, legislative and constitutional reforms must not only be enacted, but given a chance to bear fruit. For two years, Safina, the movement led by Richard Leakey which

probably has the best chance of uniting Kenya's disparate opposition, has been denied registration as a party. Once the Societies Act is repealed, Safina will need not only freedom to organise, but time to forge a working coalition.

Whatever leverage the outside world can exercise must be used, and in Kenya money talks. All further official aid should be made conditional on an "end to political crackdowns by the police and convincing action against official corruption. The Goldenberg fraud, which cost Kenya the equivalent of 10 per cent of its annual GDP, is only the most flagrant example.

That message is being pressed home in Nairobi by a team from the IMF, which is threatening to suspend its \$210m loan agreement. Rightly, the IMF has linked political and economic reform; Mr Moi's intransigence on both counts is undermining both the currency and investor confidence, not to mention Kenya's important tourist industry. In the words of Mical Cheserem, the Governor of Kenya's Central Bank, "you cannot keep closing down a country" and expect to keep its economy on course.

Britain seems curiously reluctant to draw the same conclusions. Two years ago the last Government said that further British aid would be contingent on "effective action on corruption"; but it continued to flow. This Government insists that human rights are to occupy a central place in British diplomacy. But when questioned in the Commons about suspending Britain's aid, Tony Lloyd, the responsible Foreign Office minister, said limply that he could not speak for the Department for International Development. Robin Cook and Clare Short should get together.

## TATE OF ART

Birthday greetings to an entertainer and teacher

The Tate Gallery is a hundred years old today. The Prince of Wales will attend a celebratory reception to mark the centenary of the formal opening by his great-great grandfather in 1897. And the gallery will use the occasion to thank its patrons and benefactors, launch a new exhibition of the paintings that formed the core collection and outline its ambitious plans to split into two when the Tate Gallery of Modern Art is opened at the turn of the century in Bankside power station. The Tate is, in fact, celebrating three things: the munificence of the original bequest; its own substantial influence on the development of British art over the past century; and the enormous public appetite that the gallery is attempting to satisfy with its two branches outside London and its capital expansion plans.

Sir Henry Tate, the sugar magnate, deserves rich remembrance and praise. His tough negotiations with the Government of the day over the foundation of a national collection of British art ensured that the Millbank site — formerly a prison — was well designed and endowed. Over the years it has been expanded to seven times its original size, thanks in large measure to the generosity of subsequent patrons. The Clore Gallery, in particular, has been important in properly displaying the Turner Collection, the jewels of the gallery's holdings. And the branches in Liverpool and St Ives have done much to justify the Tate's claim to be not only a museum but also an edifying propagandist for British and modern art.

But the increase in holdings has far

outstripped the Tate's hanging space. The gallery has, over the years, made some happy and prescient purchases; but only a fraction can be displayed. The move into the old power station was not only essential to give London what it has always lacked — a proper gallery of modern art — but will also allow the Tate to put on more exhibitions, gather more paintings together for special displays and give the gallery the flexibility it has demanded since its formal separation from the National Gallery in 1955.

The Tate has always seen a proselytising role for itself, winning new converts to the cause of art. In some cases this has led to the staging of remarkable retrospectives, which have not only attracted hundreds of thousands of viewers but have led to reassessments of the artist himself: the 1960 Picasso exhibition stands out as one such success; the Cézanne last year powerfully revived the painter's popularity in Britain.

Much controversy, however, has been

the Tate's involvement in "modern" art. The charge is that it has either been too cautious, pandering to the majority whose favourite paintings are *Ophelia* and *The Lady of Shalott*, or that it has embraced innovation without sufficient discrimination, as with Carl Andre's infamous pile of bricks. No gallery, however, can escape such argument: if art did not provoke discord and passion it would not be vital to the nation. The Tate has been buffeted by the clash of perceptions for a century, and through its portals millions of Britons have also been drawn into this challenging arena.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Varied concerns follow call for review of abortion laws

From the Director of the Birth Control Trust

Sir, Professor Lord Winston and his fellow correspondents (July 17) express concern that abortion is effectively available "on demand" despite the intention of the 1967 Act to prohibit the procedure if there is no substantial risk to the physical or mental health of the woman.

The overwhelming majority of abortions are undoubtedly performed because a woman wishes to end her unwanted pregnancy. But this is because most doctors interpret the law liberally, accepting that it would be damaging to the mental health of the woman to force her to endure a pregnancy and the birth of a child against her will. I have no doubt that such an interpretation is entirely within the spirit of the Act.

Those who wish to see the law interpreted more conservatively must ask themselves whether a more restrictive law would serve the needs of modern society.

Today we expect to separate sex from procreation. Even those who disapprove of "recreational sex" accept that it can be a legitimate expression of love and affection within a marital relationship. Yet there is also an expectation that women should plan (and limit) their pregnancies. In the light of recent studies, which show that two thirds of women seeking abortion became pregnant while using a contraceptive, it surely follows that if society expects couples

to regulate their fertility, to plan their families, it must accept that abortion will sometimes be necessary.

Reourse to abortion is essential if sexually active women are to have the freedom to plan their pregnancies, and their lives, with confidence.

The abortion law is inadequate in many respects. One particular failing is that it did not legalise abortion in Northern Ireland. This means that the consequence of a restrictive law is glaringly clear — women with unplanned pregnancies travel to Britain for their abortions.

Those who wish to see the law restricted should consider where in the world they would prefer British women to travel.

Yours sincerely,  
ANN FUREDI.  
Director,  
Birth Control Trust,  
16 Morzine Street, W1.  
*bc@birthcontroltrust.co.uk*

From the Archbishop of Westminster  
Sir, The call for an urgent review of the 1967 Abortion Act (letter, July 17) is pertinent and timely. I presume that this call is aimed at curtailing abortion, and not the opposite. Such a review, unlike previous government reviews into embryo research or the Abortion Act, must be broad enough in scope to address the central question of the humanity of the unborn, and therefore must include in its membership those who stand by

the principle of the inherent dignity of human life from its beginnings.

There are in fact many people of all faiths and none who are disturbed by our society's complicity in what has become the routine destruction of human life on a scale and in circumstances way beyond those envisaged when the 1967 Act was passed.

Scientific advances made over the past 30 years, especially those which allow ever younger premature babies to survive, and the dilemmas which will be raised by the possibility of artificial gestation, sharpen the underlying moral question of the right to life. A thorough and balanced review would bring to light both the current practice of abortion and what scientists now know about such matters as foetal development and pain.

I recognise that in Parliament as presently constituted there is a danger that calling for legislative reform could leave the law in a worse state than it is now. That is why a wide-ranging review and public debate are essential before any reform of the law is contemplated.

For our society, as for each of us as individuals, the first step in making any moral choice is to face up to the truth. We are in fact destroying human life on a monumental scale.

Yours faithfully,  
BASIL HUME,  
Archbishop's House,  
Westminster, SW1.  
July 19.

### Irish ceasefire

From Mr J. P. Knight

Sir, Will we ever learn? To this aged observer our present Government's policy is reminiscent of Chamberlain's policy of appeasement in the Thirties. Everyone knows the IRA will never give up their arms until they have achieved the constitutional aims of the Republic of Ireland. Why then can it be thought reasonable to expect the Ulster Unionists to sit down and discuss the matter with them?

Already the Unionists are perceived by many English eyes as intransigent — with their propensity for marching up and down. Is it right to conspire to make them seem even more so if they should decide, rightly in my view, not to join the talks on the basis now proposed?

Yours sincerely:  
J. P. KNIGHT,  
Greenbank, West Burton,  
Leyburn, North Yorkshire.  
July 19.

### Goldsmith's legacy

From Mr Glenmore Treneare-Harvey

Sir, Sir James Goldsmith's lasting legacy is that he altered the people of this country to the stealthy and continuing shift in Britain's governance from Westminster to Brussels. He ensured that our future with Europe became a core issue in the general election debate.

I was his campaign manager in Putney in the recent campaign. And, while his detractors declaimed his supposed "absenteeism", I saw him campaign and canvass there with vigour, charm and a great deal of humour.

For a man who was also leading a national party and was in the throes of such a debilitating illness, it was an awesome achievement.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir, your obedient servant,  
GLENMORE TRENEAR-HARVEY,  
6 Marlborough, 61 Walton Street,  
Kingsbridge, SW3.  
July 19.

### Homicide statistics

From the Chief Executive of Mind and others

Sir, Each of the cases cited in your report today, "Killings by mentally ill will continue", is a tragedy; but it is important to remember that such killings represent only a small proportion of the 700 homicides committed each year in England and Wales.

The view to which your headline gives prominence is not shared by the majority of "leading mental health campaigners" and will serve to feed public fears that the mentally ill are more likely to kill than others. They are not "Puritan" but sensible.

Even if it does not always succeed, may not the Church be allowed to suggest ways of avoiding "getting into a tangle" while helping those who have? The book of rules is not so much "out-of-date" as unopened for a generation and largely unknown.

Yours sincerely,  
DIANA M. DEAN,  
Willow House, 40 South Street,  
Cobham, Surrey.  
July 17.

### Potential problems in PR proposals

From Mr Bernard Black

Sir, Your Political Editor, Philip Webster, reports today that Tony Blair's go-ahead for proportional representation to be used for elections to the European Parliament in 1999 is a move that will delight electoral reform campaigners.

Yet his report adds that there is likely to be a regional list of candidates, which suggests that the Government has in mind a continental PR system rather than that which is already in operation in Northern Ireland.

There the single transferable vote operates in a constituency returning three MEPs. Thus the people have electoral power to determine who their representatives will be, within as well as between parties. It works well.

On what possible basis is some inferior form of PR to be foisted on the people of Britain? Such a move will delight no worthwhile electoral reformer.

Yours faithfully,  
BERNARD BLACK  
(General Secretary),  
The Select Your Member  
Voting Society (SYMOS),  
PO Box 1,  
Waterloo, Hampshire.

From Mr John Szemerey

Sir, "Some Cabinet ministers," writes

Mr Webster, "are attracted by the greater control they believe a PR

system would give Labour over its European MPs."

*Le valid?* Under direct representation, where local people in each party choose their candidates, and where local voters decide which of the locally selected candidates should represent them in Parliament, it is possible for candidates who are out of favour with the party leadership to be selected and elected.

Under PR, candidates are put on party lists by a handful of party bosses or a committee of senior party members who only put on those who "are one of us" or who at least will be within the party line. Once elected by PR, MPs have to behave like the civil servants of their parties.

If Labour has decided to ignore the advice of its electoral system working group, headed by Lord Plant, it should say exactly which of the many variations of PR it wishes Britain to adopt for the Euro-elections and why.

A good way of retaining a semblance of democracy and avoiding a handful of party bosses controlling the lists of candidates would be to hold primary elections. The electorate — of the region or of the whole country, depending on which variation of PR Labour will choose — can then choose its candidates, irrespective of whether their face fits at party headquarters.

Yours faithfully,  
J. SZEMEREY,  
76 Mariniëlaan,  
B-3090 Overijse, Belgium.  
July 16.

From Mrs Diana M. Dean

Sir, Reflecting on the problems of the Prince of Wales, Sir Christopher Cockrell (letter, July 10) highlights the paradox the Church has always faced: to encourage the happiness brought about by following Christian principles, while at the same time binding up the wounds of those damaged by ignoring them.

The need to which Sir Christopher refers for the Church to "counter cruelty and selfishness" lies at the heart of its wish to steer young girls from fertility-threatening sexual diseases, and confused young men from changing sexual partners every few weeks. It would also encourage those with marital difficulties to discover anew the good in each other, rather than commit adultery. This is not "Puritan" but sensible.

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Yours sincerely,  
DIANA M. DEAN,  
Willow House, 40 South Street,  
Cobham, Surrey.  
July 17.

### Improving the line

From Mrs Jane Woolrich

Sir, The idea of motorist-friendly "parkway" railway stations near motorway junctions (report and leading article, July 15) is an interesting one, and surely good if it takes at least a few (usually under-occupied) cars off the road.

However, perhaps the rail companies could do more to gain passengers by advertising their services more widely and imaginatively. Too many long-standing residents of this neighbourhood appear to be unaware of the number of trains calling at

Yours sincerely,  
JANE WOOLRICH,  
Canal Side,  
Hunsworth, Bridgwater, Somerset.  
July 15.

### Demolishing the Lindisfarne myth

From Professor David N. Dumville

Sir, There is no admissible evidence that the so-called "Lindisfarne Gospels", much in the news of late (report and leading article July 3; letters, July 5; report, "Medieval 'gospel factory' site found", July 14), were written at or even owned by Lindisfarne.

The legend is based



## COURT CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**  
July 19: The Duke of York today attended the 1997 Open Championship at the Royal Troon Golf Club and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Ayr and Aran (Major Richard Henderson).

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July 19: The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, this evening attended the open-air Gala Concert and Dinner at Ballindalloch Castle, Banffshire.

**CLARENCE HOUSE**  
July 20: Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, attended Marins at St Mary's Church, Windsor.

Her Majesty subsequently visited Dover Castle and was received by Brigadier David Gossel (Deputy Constable).

Dame Frances Campbell-Preston, Sir Alastair Airey and Major Charles MacEwan were in attendance.

**KENSINGTON PALACE**  
July 20: The Duke of Gloucester today visited the Royal International Air Tattoo at Royal Air Force Fairford and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes).

**YORK HOUSE**  
**ST JAMES'S PALACE**

July 19: The Duke of Kent, President, the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, today attended the Royal International Air Tattoo at Royal Air Force Fairford and was received by Colonel Richard Coxwell-Rogers (Vice-Lord)

The Prince of Wales will visit the Tate Gallery on the occasion of its centenary at 6.30.

The Duke of York will start the Chemical Dependency Centre treasure hunt at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, at 8.30am.

The Princess Royal will attend a Tesco Charity Pro-Am Golf Day.

Princess Margaret will visit Powis Castle, Welshpool, at 12.15.

### Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court at 7.30.

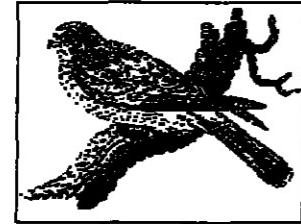
The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of the Outward Bound Trust, will give a luncheon at Frogmore House, Windsor Home Park, at 12.45.

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## Nature notes



The kestrel

YOUNG kestrels are out of the nest, and calling noisy for food from tree and roof tops; their parents circle in the air making high-pitched cries before coming down to them. Lapwings have finished breeding and are gathering in flocks round unfertilised pools. Mallards have begun to moult the drakes lose their glossy-green head feathers and look like pale-headed females. Families of spotted flycatchers lurk in the depths of trees: their silvery breasts gleam in the shadows of the leaves.

It continues to be a spectacular summer for wild flowers, which are tall and abundant. Large-flowered evening primrose forms yellow stands along the edge of motorways. Wild parsnip grows in damp ditches: it is one of the umbrella-shaped flowers but is a dull yellow, unlike hogweed and its other relatives, which are mainly white. A misty ring of lilac flowers

is forming round the prickly oval heads of teasel. Poppies and ox-eye daisies are crowding the railway embankments. The first gatekeeper butterflies are sipping at bramble blossoms, and there are many large white butterflies about, some of them immigrants from the Continent. Blue emperor dragonflies are patrolling rivers.

JKM

The New Times Nature Diary by Derwent May, based on DJM's Nature Notes and illustrated by Richard Blake, is available in paperback at £6.99 (Robson Books).

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Let all mortals be silent for He has bade his angels hide and cover me from His dwelling place. Zechariah 2:13

### BIRTHS

**SACKHOUSE** - On July 4th to Debbie (née Hobbs) and Michael, a daughter, Olivia, France.

**CHATTERTON-DICKSON** - On 9th July in Washington DC to Dr Peter Chatterton and his bride, Robert Chatterton-Dickson, a daughter, Clio Diana.

**EVANS** - On July 2nd, to Gillian (née Warren), Ruth, Alex, a son, Philip Robert Cawthron, a brother for Paul.

**HEEN** - On 14th July, to Ben and Nicola (née Lipson), a wonderful son, Joshua Christopher, at 10.30pm, 200g, Holme-Sub-Sea Churchyard.

**PATRICK-JAMES** - To Judy and Jason, a daughter Grace Josephine, the Portland Hospital, on July 11th 1997 at 8pm. Warmest thanks to all staff.

**DEATHS**

**BAKER** - Elizabeth Anne, Liz, greatly loved wife of Dick Baker, died suddenly and peacefully on July 17th whilst being entertained by friends. Funeral Services at Mayfield Church, Old Hunstanton on Thursday 24th July at 2.30pm. Burial in the family plot at St Edmunds Church, Old Hunstanton.

**HALL** - Phillipa, On Tuesday 15th July 1997 in Eastbourne. Eldest Daughter of Dr and Mrs William Hall, late of St Edmunds, Eastbourne. Ruth Penfold, (Derek and Pam deceased). Requiem Mass at St Edmunds Church, Eastbourne on Friday 25th July at 1.30pm, followed by private service at home. Flowers only, donations to St Edmunds and St John Ambulance. Christian Aid, St Edmunds and Sons Ltd, 19 South Street, Eastbourne.

**HULL** - Ralph. Sadly and peacefully at home, on 16th July, aged 81 years. Greatly loved father and father-in-law, much loved husband, Christian and David, and grandfather to Mark, Thomas, Olivia and Christopher. Buried at Holy Trinity, Lowe Beeding, near Horsham on Thursday 24th July at 2pm. Flowers only, please. Donations to League of Friends, Horsham Hospital.

**KNORFELD** - Humphrey John, dear son of Mr and Mrs Michael and Carol Knorfel, and lately of Oundle, Northants, peacefully on 18th July at Thomas' Clapton-on-Hook, Hampshire, with his family around him, after such a brave struggle. Beloved husband of joy, and of love, to his wife, the late Mrs Martin. Philip and Diana, dear grandpa of Sarah and Tamara, dearly loved by his wife and grandchildren. Respected friend of so many. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Oundle, on Saturday 26th July at 2.30pm. Flowers welcome or if preferred donations to Sue Kyte, The Royal Hall, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, PE1 1BW, tel: (01832) 272269.

LUCAS - Charles James, beloved son of Charles and father of Jonathan, James, Andrew, Elizabeth and Tessa, and proud grandfather of eight grandchildren, peacefully and bravely on 17th July after a long illness of 10 years. Interment at Midhurst. The funeral will take place on Friday 25th July at St Mary's Church, Midhurst, 2.30pm. Flowers only; donations to the Leukaemia Research Fund.

**MAUGHAM** - Arthur John. On 15th August 1997 aged 88 years, surrounded by love and warmth, in his home in Kenya.

**GREEN** - Judy (née Sumner), died suddenly on the 18th July 1997 in her 54th year. Funeral service on Friday 25th July, 11.30am at All Saints, St Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex. Flowers requested, donations to St Leonards and St Leonards Hospice, Fisherman's Wharf, Whitstable, Kent.

**PEERY** - On Thursday 17th July 1997 peacefully at home. Dr and Mrs Wilfrid Peery, Ruth Penfold, (Derek and Pam deceased). Requiem Mass at St Edmunds Church, Eastbourne on Friday 25th July at 1.30pm, followed by private service at home. Flowers only, donations to St Edmunds and St John Ambulance. Christian Aid, St Edmunds and Sons Ltd, 19 South Street, Eastbourne.

**SILVER ANNIVERSARIES**

**LILY** and Werner Goodwin, London, and Etschi Henrichen, Glücksburg, Zu Euren 25. Hochzeitstag, Waldburg, Oberschwaben, Germany.

**SUTHERLAND** - Ian, of Cambridge, son of Alister and Barbara Sutherland, died 19th July in a mountaineering accident in the French Alps. Family committal in Grenoble.

**HULL** - peacefully and finally on 16th July 1997, at his home on 17th July 1997 in her 99th year. Phyllis, Susan Victoria (née) and Michael, wife of Wilfrid Hull of Scorton, Lancashire. Deans loved together to Robert, Phyllis, Christopher and Michael. Hull's beloved grandmother to Madeline, Anthony, Christopher, Philip, Robbie, Linda, Brian, Samantha, Thea, Lucy, Rosalie, Michael, Anna and Carolyn. Passed away peacefully on 17th July 1997 at St Peter's Church, Aldeburgh, nr. Marlborough, Wiltshire, on Thursday August 7th at 8pm.

**LEWIS** - Gerty, Widow of Michael, Anna and Carolyn. Passed away peacefully on 17th July 1997 at St Peter's Church, Aldeburgh, nr. Marlborough, Wiltshire, on Thursday August 7th at 8pm.

**WILLIS** - Muriel, remembered, on this day, 8.1.8.

**IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE**

**THOMPSON** - Burke St John, died 21st July 1997. Remembered and loved by his family and friends.

**BIRTHDAYS**

**COOPER** - Eddie (Michael) Cooper, Birthday and Best wishes in this year Golden Jubilee. Mayne, Carla, Bob and Karen.

**SERVICES**

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## Regal barge graces river

reduced from ten to eight to give space to the royal party. The barge was last used at Henley Royal Regatta in 1912 by King George V and Queen Mary and is now in the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich. The design of the new craft,

whose keel was laid down a year ago, has followed the original as closely as possible. Michael Dunnett, of the Laleham Boatyard at Chertsey chose iroko wood for the hull, keel and stem. Cedar and oak was used for the planking, and the six lift cars are of spruce. Some of the craft's fittings have been sponsored by supporters. The 41-ft-long *Thameis*, which can carry a limited number of passengers, will be available for various river events.

### Birthdays today

Oxford UNIVERSITY NEWS

Elections

Honorary Fellowships

Vivian Cowle of Culross, Mr

John Fowles, Mr Christopher

James Hampton, Lord Quinton,

Stig Berglas, honorary

president, Trafalgar House, 53;

Andrew Buchanan, Lord-Lieutenant

of Nottinghamshire, 60; Sir

Robert Burns, diplomat, 53; Mr

John Burrow, Chief Constable

Essex, 62; Dame Joyce Dows,

thoracic surgeon, 72; Sir Stephen

Egerton, former diplomat, 65;

Miss Buchi Emeche, writer, 53;

Canon Donald Gray, Speaker's

Chaplain, 67; Mr Norman Jewison,

film director, 71; Mr Ian Judge,

theatre director, 51; Sir Kirby

Laing, former chairman, Laing

Properties, 81; Mr Gerald Malone,

former MP, 47; Dr Jonathan Miller,

film, theatre and opera director,

63; Mr R.S. Napier, chief executive

of Redland, 50; Major-General

the Duke of Norfolk, KG, 52; Mr

Bill Pertwee, broadcaster, 60; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Steuart Pringle, 69; Mr Karl Reisz, film director, 71; Mr Michael St John Parker, Headmaster, Abingdon School, 56; Mr Isaac Stern, violinist, 77; Mr

Dr J.D. Trevelyan, former Principal,

Mansfield College, Oxford, 68; Mr

Robin Williams, actor, 45; Sir Ian

Winton, chairman and managing

director, 50; Mr W.G. Wood, Group,

53; Mr Peter Wright, former Chief

Constable, South Yorkshire, 68.

Marcus Mackell, Harold Salvesen Fellow, Russian Studies, with Dr Michael St John Parker, 6th June; and Dr Julian Moore, Junior Research Fellow, Astor Junior Research Fellow.

Liverpool

Honorary degrees are to be con-

ferred on:

Chief Emilia Anyaku, Secretary

General, Nigerian Police Force;

Doctor of Laws Professor George

Bass, nautical archaeologist,

Doctor of Law Professor Alan

McKee, Chairman of the Royal

International Doctor of Laws

Professor, 1997; Dr Michael

McLennan, Professor of Medicine Mr Charles Estlin

former High Sheriff of Merseyside, Doctor of Laws Dr Li

Li, former Director of the

Department of Education, Doctor

of Laws Mr Liber Pelek, Music

Director, Royal Liverpool

Philharmonic Society and Orchestra, Doctor of Music

Professor of Music Dr Michael

Porter, 1997; Dr Michael

Rosenblatt, 1997; Dr Michael

Salvesen, 1997; Dr Michael

Sherriff, 1997; Dr Michael

St John Parker, 1997; Dr Michael

Stevens, 1997; Dr Michael

Taylor, 1997; Dr Michael

Thompson, 1997; Dr Michael

Whitby, 1997; Dr Michael

Wright, 1997; Dr Michael

Young, 1997; Dr Michael

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# Marriages

THE TIMES MONDAY JULY 21 1997

## OBITUARIES

# SIR JAMES GOLDSMITH

**Sir James Goldsmith, tycoon and founder of the Referendum Party, died of cancer on July 19 aged 64. He was born on February 26, 1933.**

**J**ames Goldsmith was one of the most charismatic, controversial, and colourful tycoons of the past four decades. He possessed a distinguishing trait that kept him apart from most of his mercantile rivals and contemporaries. He was a singularly bold and fearless risk-taker, and boldness became his friend.

His combination of restless energy, verve and the gambler's instinct gave the Anglo-French Goldsmith one of the largest recent self-made fortunes until the coming of the personal computer brought wealth of an even greater magnitude. But Goldsmith laterly parted with much of his personal capital to cajole or browbeat others into accepting his political ideas. He was elected as a French Member of the European Parliament in 1994 but became utterly disillusioned with the European political project and devoted himself to warning against the growth of a superstate. In Britain, however, his Referendum Party was outflanked by the two major parties when both pledged themselves to hold a referendum before entering a European single currency.

Nevertheless, Goldsmith found his political failure in Britain hard to bear, as was clear from his extraordinary outburst at the declaration of the poll in Putney, where he won barely 1,500 votes at the general election last May. For him this outcome was all the more devastating as Putney was almost home territory, his house on nearby Ham Common in Richmond providing the centre of the glamorous network that was the Referendum Party.

Politics and glamour were no strangers to Goldsmith, whose father Frank was a friend of the young Winston Churchill and had gone on to be a Conservative MP for eight years, 1910-18. This was no mean achievement for someone whose family had arrived in Britain from Paris in 1894, with the surname of Goldschmidt.

The Goldschmidts were distant cousins of the Rothschilds, a banking dynasty also founded in the Frankfurt ghetto, and could also claim to be a family that carried great weight with European governments for more than 200 years. The Goldschmidts lacked the flamboyance and flair of the Rothschilds but, with another branch of cousins, the Bischoffsheims, they became a powerful force in cross-frontier banking. They helped to finance the victorious North in the American Civil War, as well as funding the emerging European railway network.

Most of the family left Frankfurt when Bismarck's Prussian troops ended the city's ancient independence in 1866. Goldsmith's grandparents moved to Paris, but their stay there was short-lived and not a success. They then moved to London and within a year the family had a stylish house in Mayfair and a 1,500-acre estate near Newmarket in Suffolk.

Jimmy Goldsmith's father, Frank, who had arrived in Britain at the age of 16 and who in 1904 had defeated George Bernard Shaw for a seat on the London County Council, was the first member of the family to adopt the name Goldsmith. This did not, however, save him from getting into trouble as an MP with his Stowmarket constituents when a wave of anti-German feeling swept the country on the outbreak of the First World War.

But Frank's second son Jimmy (the first, and older by five years, was the well-known ecologist Teddy Goldsmith) was born long after that war was safely over, his father being 55 at the time of his birth. His mother was 25 years younger, and proud as she was of his German Jewish ancestry, the young Goldsmith was no less proud of the genes he inherited from his mother, a beauty from a peasant family in the Auvergne, from whom he acquired his intense blue eyes. His round, boyish face was, though, that of his father — who had first encountered his mother while conducting an illicit affair with her elder, married sister.

Both father and son were accomplished serial adulterers, and Jimmy Goldsmith was wholly impervious to any criticism of his promiscuity. By contrast, any attacks that affected his reputation in the world of commerce were met with a ferocity that was almost unrivalled in modern times.

His father, who had returned to live in France after the First World War, came back to Britain when the second one broke out. He had remained a director of the Savoy and its associate hotel, Claridge's, where the management instantly made a suite available to the family. But Frank's attempts to serve his adopted country

were rejected on grounds of age (he was already 62), so the parents took their two sons to the Bahamas. Here both of them, but particularly the younger boy, became fearsome delinquents and were sent away as a result to a boarding school in Canada. Even though the school was strict, this experience entirely failed to curb the young Jimmy's excesses. It was fully characteristic of the future tycoon that he should have disregarded all attempts at supervision — at the age of ten he took off for New York and booked himself into the Waldorf-Astoria, where he was discovered several days later by his worried teachers and frantic parents.

After the war, Eton was selected as the school that would shape and mould Jimmy Goldsmith into an English gentleman — but this was to prove another hopeless endeavour. The young Etonian, conscious of the family's interest in hotels, would throw grand parties for his friends in the better hostels of Windsor as well as seeking his schoolmates' company on forbidden outings to the town's racetrack. Mathematics was the only school subject that attracted his interest. It was an enthusiasm which lasted a lifetime, as did his friendship with an Etonian contemporary, Charles Bamford, who at the family bank of Ham's was to become Goldsmith's financier and adviser in many of his business adventures. Another fellow pupil was Mark Birley, the night-club owner whose first wife, Annabel, was to become Goldsmith's third wife.

The turf financed Goldsmith's liberation from Eton just months before he turned 16. He laid out £10 on a three-horse accumulator bet at a minor meeting at Lewes in Sussex, and scooped a draw of some £8,000 — the equivalent in today's money of £155,000. Goldsmith immediately threw a dinner of celebration for his friends, not least to show them that a man of his means should not be a schoolboy, even if the academy was Eton.

Goldsmit's sudden flight to join his brother at Oxford — he hid at one stage in the cupboard of Paul Johnson's rooms at Magdalen — was grudgingly accepted both by the school authorities and by his parents. It marked the beginning of his real education — in hedonism, gambling and sex. He fell in with his elder brother's circle of undergraduate friends, such as John Aspinall, later the casino proprietor and zoo-keeper, and the publisher Anthony Blond. It was not long before he had lost all his money.

Penniless he returned to Paris to face the disapproval of his parents and a debt burden of some £2,000. His debts were paid off by his father, on the condition that Jimmy, who had dual nationality, did National Service in Britain. Goldsmith emerged as a second lieutenant and was later to admit that he found the experience rewarding.

On his return to Paris, his brother Teddy introduced Goldsmith to Isabel Patino, the daughter of the Bolivian tin magnate Don Antonio Patino, who had brought his daughter to France in search of an eligible titled suitor. The two fell in love and Goldsmith informed Patino of their intention to marry. Patino was not impressed — Goldsmith was Jewish and a playboy — and he arranged for his daughter, who was only 18, to be chaperoned to Casablanca, but changed his mind when he learnt that Goldsmith had hired a private plane to dash to Morocco in pursuit.

Goldsmit, however, had discovered the change of plan and flew straight back to Paris where he contacted Isabel and encouraged her to elope with him to England. His solicitors then arranged a furtive marriage in Scotland. The mission was accomplished, despite the efforts of Senior Patino, his lawyers and private detectives who had given hot pursuit, as had a host of journalists. The elopement and secret wedding were the stuff of front pages all around the world.

Just three months later, the fairytale had tragic ending. Isabel suffered a massive cerebral haemorrhage and died 12 hours after her daughter, Isabel, had been delivered by Caesarean section. The funeral was almost a state occasion. The continuing bad blood between Patino and Goldsmith, however, meant Goldsmith had to go to court to retain custody of his daughter.

Goldsmit needed to make money and decided to expand a fragile and near-worthless pharmaceutical company handed to him by his brother Teddy. He obtained French distribution rights for certain US drugs and expanded the business rapidly. But inexperience was to inhibit him. The business was soon facing bankruptcy and the strain caused Goldsmith to lose his hair.

Creditors were closing in when he was saved by a nationwide bank strike, which allowed him to seek a buyer for the business and clear his debts. He learnt



much from this episode, and the secretary who helped him through this crisis, Ginette Lery, became his lover, then stepmother to Isabel and mother of two of his children.

Her second pregnancy dissuaded Goldsmith from divorcing Ginette and marrying instead the striking aristocratic model and 1958 debutante of the year, Sally Crichton-Stuart, with whom he struck up a tempestuous relationship. He did not hide his emotions from either woman; to have done so he would have regarded as being hypocritical — a British trait that "outsider" could never tolerate. He did not fret when his paramour later married the Aga Khan.

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empire during those testing times. In 1975-76 Goldsmith's name went from the City pages to the front pages of national newspapers with his celebrated attack on *Private Eye* and the controversial knighthood awarded him in Harold Wilson's notorious "lavender" Resignation Honours List. Goldsmith remarked at the time (in a phrase scarcely calculated to endear him to the British public): "You have heard of the power of the press. Now you will discover the power of money." The legal struggle with *Private Eye* became one of the most acrimonious libel battles of the century, but the settlement he eventually was persuaded to accept — in face of widespread condemnation of his vindictiveness — cost Goldsmith any chance he ever had of realising his ambition to own newspapers. *The Observer* and the *Daily Express* were at various times among his targets, as at one stage was *The Times*.

Goldsmit's French company, *Générale Occidentale*, ultimately acquired Cavenham, and few institutions were sad to see the Goldsmith vehicle removed from the London Stock Exchange. But Goldsmith had by this time turned his business attentions to North America, where he felt his style of corporate raiding would be welcomed rather than shunned. He also tried to start a French equivalent of the *Financial Times*, but abandoned the plan when his advisers told him French business journalists were likely to prove corruptible. So he bought the weekly *L'Express* instead, its success partly compensating him for the total failure in Britain of his magazine *Now!*, which lasted less than two years between 1979 and 1981.

**G**oldsmit's trophies in the United States included Diamond International, a \$1 billion grouping of forests and pulp and paper interests. Adroit financing meant he had, in effect, bought the company for nothing. He was similarly successful with another paper group, Crown Zellerbach. Among other things, he also added oil to his portfolio, which was centred on supermarkets, great providers of cash.

In 1986 Goldsmith eyed Goodyear Tire and Rubber. He admired at the time he was, at a "conservative estimate", already a dollar billionaire, but when he harried Goodyear the climate was changing and some of Goldsmith's famed Wall Street associates and junk bond kings were already on thin ice. The ice would eventually crack and they were financially drowned.

Just ahead of the global stockmarket crash of October 1987, Goldsmith displayed remarkable prescience by turning his assets into cash with the sale of the French companies to a group headed by Compagnie Générale d'Électricité. He then proceeded to build a vast retreat in Mexico. A niece of the Comte de Paris, Laure Boulay de la Meurthe, had by this time filled the vacancy created by his marriage to Annabel Birley.

In 1986 Goldsmith's last great corporate adventure was in 1989, when he teamed up with his good gambling friend, Kerry Packer and distant cousin Lord Rothschild, to bid £13 billion for BAT Industries, the tobacco and financial services company. Their leveraged bid to "unbundle" the company with junk bond financing failed but Goldsmith professed pleasure that the company was spurred into action and forced to deliver latent value back to shareholders.

With his enormous wealth behind him Goldsmith then espoused environmental issues, though he was to fall out with his elder brother Teddy on the merits of growing hemp as the fibre that would save the world's trees. As well as threats to the environment, Goldsmith perceived a great threat to the West from the opening of Western markets to Third World countries. This, he argued, in a best-selling book in France — published in Britain as *The Trap* (1994) — would not only cripple the industries of the West but eventually destroy its political institutions as well.

Goldsmit was fully aware of his fatal disease while leading his Referendum Party in the recent general election. But he never allowed his consciousness of mortality to impede his zeal or to cap his determination. It may have been the most expensive campaign ever seen in British politics — at least in terms of the votes that were garnered — but it was also one of the most gallant. James Goldsmith had one daughter by his first wife, Isabel Patino, one son and daughter by his second wife, Ginette Lery, two sons and one daughter — Jennifer — the wife of the former Pakistan cricket captain Imran Khan — from his third and final marriage to Lady Annabel Birley, and a daughter and a son by his last long-term mistress, Laura Boulay de la Meurthe. All his children and his second and third wives survive him.

Throughout his long career, he fought against physical infirmities, and his character and good humour were evident throughout. He suffered for years from arthritis, and the surgical boots he wore were heavy; but he never complained as he clambered around historical sites, refusing to stay behind. He also suffered from very poor eyesight.

In 1973 he was informed by his doctors that total blindness was eventually certain, if not imminent. The Vice-Chancellor immediately gave him leave for a year — the first sabbatical he had ever had — to make progress with his book on Temple and de Witt. Remarkably, not least because de Witt's handwriting is nearly illegible to the best of eyes, he finished the book and published it in 1986 as *An English Diplomat in the Low Countries: Sir William Temple and John de Witt, 1665-72*.

He died in 1982 and was elected to the Fellowship of the British Academy in 1987. After this he became wholly blind. The onset of diabetes added to the struggle, but he retained his formidable calculatory skills and found enjoyment in computer chess.

His wife, Iris, herself an Oxford graduate and a Yorkshirewoman, gave him constant support throughout their very happy marriage. She survives him, as do their two daughters and their son.

## PROFESSOR KEN HALEY

**Professor Kenneth Haley, FBA, historian of 17th-century England and The Netherlands, died on July 2 aged 77. He was born on April 19, 1920.**

KEN HALEY worked with equal distinction on British and Dutch political history in the second half of the 17th century. Personally, he embodied the solid virtues of the Dutch Republic rather than the extravagance of Restoration England, but he wrote brilliantly and extensively on both countries.

He was as much at home in the archives of Paris and The Hague as with English sources, and as expert at unravelling the intricacies of European diplomacy as he was at illuminating the domestic politics of the United Provinces.

Goldsmith was best known in Britain for his biography of the 1st Earl of Shaftesbury, 1621-83, published in 1968, which was a monumental achievement, but *The Dutch in the Seventeenth Century* (1972) and *Politics in the Reign of Charles II* (1985) are also widely known. All his major works have the same enduring qualities: authoritative, meticulous scholarship, fluent composition, judicious judgment and a patient concern to arrive at the truth.

Kenneth Harold Dobson Haley was a Yorkshireman and a Methodist. After losing his mother at an early age, he was sent to Huddersfield College, from where he went on to Oxford. He read Modern History at Balliol from 1938 to 1940, when the war interrupted his studies.

He joined the Royal Engineers, and while keeping accounts in the Middle East, displayed a dazzling ability to add up long rows of figures rapidly in his head.

In 1945 he returned to Oxford, where he had the good fortune to be tutored by R.W. Southern and J.E.C. Hill. He succeeded in gaining a first in 1946, followed by a BLitt under the supervision of Sir Keith Felling.

In 1947 he became an assistant lecturer at Sheffield University. He joined a department with only three academic staff, and although there were few honours students, he shouldered a heavy load of teaching and essay-marking.

When he was promoted to be Professor of Modern History in 1962, preparations were being made for an expansion of staff and student numbers, and the attendant difficulties proved considerable. He viewed expansion with mixed feelings and he had a tough time with student discontent

## NEWS

**Adams rages against sceptics**

■ Gerry Adams responded furiously to reports that the IRA ceasefire was merely a tactical manoeuvre that would be quickly abandoned unless Sinn Fein got its way in peace talks. The Sinn Fein President condemned the reports as "totally irresponsible".

The Dublin-based *Sunday Tribune* reported that the IRA leadership had told its members that the ceasefire would last four months and would be renewed only if the peace process was producing benefits ..... Pages 1, 2, 21

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■ The remains of Sir James Goldsmith, the most European of Euro-sceptics, made a final journey across the Continent yesterday from Spain, where he died, over France, where he was born, and on to Britain ..... Pages 1, 4, 21, 23

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A grandmother was killed during a 75th-birthday ride in a hot-air balloon when it crashed into a power line and plunged 30ft to the ground in flames ..... Pages 1, 3

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■ India has sent the last big batch of its steam trains to the scrapyard. All that remains of 150 years of steam locomotion are a few shunters on their last gasp in rural backwaters in Gujarat and some "toy trains" struggling up to the old hill stations of Darjeeling and Ootacamund. The latter two will be served by steam for three more years ..... Page 12



Crowds took to Bournemouth beach yesterday as bright sunlight spread across Britain. The outlook is for more warm weather

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# TIMES SPORT

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## PARNEVIK DENIED AGAIN IN DRAMATIC FINISH



Leonard's face shows the steely determination that characterised his assured final round of 65 and brought him victory in the 126th Open Championship at Royal Troon yesterday. Photograph: Ian Waldie

## Leonard storms down Open road

By JOHN HOPKINS  
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THEY breed golfers of exceptional talent in Texas, just as Wales' unequalled brilliant stand-off halves and Italy produce magnificent tenors. In Justin Leonard, the new Open champion, another outstanding golfer has arrived from the Lone Star state. Leonard, who comes from Dallas, is a worthy member of a line of golfers that includes Byron Nelson, Ben Hogan, Lee Trevino, Ben Crenshaw and Tom Kite.

Leonard is a man, almost manically tidy and eerily composed. Some golfers may wear their emotions on their sleeve; Leonard buries his facial expressions beneath a black peaked cap. His star has been

rising since he emerged on the US Tour in 1994.

If there were any doubts hitherto as to whether or not he is ready for fame, this victory over an outstanding field of golfers has removed them. At 25, Leonard is now unquestionably one of the gilded youths of the United States, young men in their twenties who are talented and thrusting their way to the forefront of the game. Tiger Woods, the 21-year-old, who won the Masters in April, is the cornerstone of this group, which also includes Phil Mickelson, 27.

Leonard now takes his rightful place among the generation who are shouldering aside golf's great and good. With victory in the US Open by Ernie Els, 27, Leonard's



Leonard's joy \_\_\_\_\_  
Ryder Cup puzzle \_\_\_\_\_  
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success means that all three major championships this year have been won by men who are in their 20s.

Last year Kite said of Leonard: "He's going to win big

and he is going to win often. It's only a question of time." Kite knew what he was talking about and he delayed his journey to Glasgow airport to stand by the 18th green and support his young friend in his triumph. "Welcome to the Ryder Cup team," Kite said when he congratulated Leonard. It was Leonard's fourth Open and only the second time he had played all four rounds.

Leonard's play in the fourth round over the sunlit fairways of Royal Troon was deserving of a fanfare of trumpets. Not since Jim Barnes, a Cornishman, won the 1925 Open, has a golfer come from five strokes behind to lift the famous claret jug. It was a round worthy of comparison with Johnny Miller's 63 to win the US Open

at Oakmont in 1973, Severiano Ballesteros' 65 when he captured the 1988 Open, Greg Norman's 63 at Royal St George's when he won the 1993 Open and the 67 with which Nick Faldo upstaged Norman at Augusta in 1996. There were 16 men under par at the start of the day; Leonard was the only one to score in the 60s.

Leonard looks like the sort of young man mothers want their daughters to bring home. Clean-cut and good looking, he models those true American country club clothes for Ralph Lauren — button-down shirts and chinos. He wears tasseled loafers, sunglasses and drives a Land Rover. At his flat in Dallas, which he shares with his sister, there is a pile of thank you notes on the

said, speaking, presumably, in the few rare moments she has free from keeping the flat clean and tidy.

Leonard's swing is that of a man who grew up in the winds of Texas. It is flat at the top of the backswing, even flatter at the finish. The echoes of Hogan are evident.

There were two crucial moments in the final round, moments that defined Leonard as the man worthy of becoming the 126th Open champion. The first came when he held a putt of ten feet to save his par on the 11th. On the 15th, it was another putt to save par that helped him apply more of the pressure that was ultimately to cause Parnevick to buckle. This putt was of 15 feet. Then came the final blow, the one that really

finished off Parnevick. On the 17th, he hit a three-iron to the back of the green and then, 35 feet from the flag, holed the putt.

"It hasn't hit me yet," an emotional Leonard said as his performance was acclaimed.

"I knew when I was behind I had to make the putts on the front nine I had missed yesterday. I also knew I had to make a couple of birdies on the back nine. I was surprised how calm I was before the 18th. A wonderful day, a wonderful week."

Over dinner on Thursday night, Kite said to Leonard: "You are tenth on the [Ryder Cup] list. Why don't you go ahead and take care of the Ryder Cup team?" With one brilliant round, Leonard did just that.

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## GOLF

# Secret of success lay with control

By ROB HUGHES

THE claret jug, that most coveted piece of silverware of the Royal and Ancient for the winner of the Open, is travelling to Dallas, literally in the lap of Justin Leonard.

The Texan, putting his victory down to the virtues of preparation, practice, self-discipline and self-belief, said: "I am trying to book another seat next to me, or else this jug's gonna sit right in my lap until I get it home and get a carpenter in, because I wouldn't have the skills to make a proper place for it."

He had steadied his emotions following the tear that he shed at the back of the 18th tee, after beating Jesper Parnevik and Darren Clarke by three shots.

"That tear, I was just thinking about my family — I don't have a real large family, my parents, my grandmother, my sister — Randy Smith and the members at Royal Oaks in Dallas. I am thinking about how crazy things are gonna be in the locker-room, and how big my bill is going to be when we've celebrated and broken things up."

He had prepared, on both Friday and Saturday night, with dinner for two, himself and his caddie. "I slept pretty good. I didn't wake until my alarms went off, but I'd say the greatest change in the last year has been sleeping in myself. When I see those guys, Tiger [Woods] and Ernie [Els] performing the way they did, I got to thinking that maybe it is OK to go out and win a tournament like this, being the age I am."

He is 25, an emotional man, a mite surprised, or so it seemed in the hour of victory, by what he had achieved. "It probably won't sink in tonight, tomorrow, even next week. I am hoping it takes a little while to come to terms with it. You know I was just thinking how last year I missed the cut and I saw the



Augusta, I got to thinking that the guys with the strongest mental outlook are going to do the best here."

He sensed his victory on the 15th where he made a 15-foot par. But it was the 17th, where he holed a 30-foot putt, that made the hairs stand up on the back of my neck."

"It was there that he 'saw a little spot near the hole, aimed for it... and suddenly, behind me, everyone was going nuts. I knew then that I couldn't lose — I had to make at least a play-off, but because I was worried about being a little pumped up, I decided to leave my driver in the bag at 18 and played conservative with a three-wood off the tee."

The first man he remembers greeting him outside the clubhouse was Tom Kite, the United States Ryder Cup captain. "I guess he was already over at Prestwick, ready to go home, and I was real touched that Tom came back for me. The first words that he said were 'Welcome to the Ryder Cup team'."

Justin Leonard, a man who won two prizes in one round of golf.

ROB HUGHES



At Royal Troon

**A**s Tiger Woods walked up the 18th fairway for the last time yesterday, he was confronted with a huge banner: "Troon tames Tigers". It was true and the young man had the composure to acknowledge it. He looked across to his right, gave the cheeky bearers of that message a beaming smile, and strode on to finish his personal confrontation with the course on level with.

On Saturday, he had a 64, and no man here has done better than that. But the course, the tamer of the Tiger, had destroyed the ambitions of the quiet American on three dramatic holes. In the first round, at the 10th, he had lost three strokes to par with a seven. On the par-four 11th on the second day, he had an eight. And after his supreme effort on Saturday, he had started yesterday as though he might complete the quest of history and pull back a bigger deficit than any other winner in the final round. He was mastering the course until he came to that devious Postage Stamp, the 126-yard 8th. There his tournament virtually ended, for he bunkered, bunkered again, and then triple-putted to lose another three shots on the back of my neck."

"You've blown it!" a cruel, rude but accurate fellow belittled into his face. "That's it, the Tiger's tournament over," opined another.

Over? Those children who, by their thousands, were on the course courtesy of the inspired and splendid Royal and Ancient policy of admitting youngsters free of charge provided they brought an accompanying adult, did not desert him so readily. They had and saw — like all of those who have walked these rounds with Woods — a competitive man give a dignified example of how to play in adversity. Inspiration seldom



Woods was unable to find his best form during the final round yesterday

visited him, yet strength of character did, strength of purpose and will. He gave an example to all of how to maintain outward serenity when inside there is every reason to despair.

There were, sadly, one or two foul-mouthed youths — hoodlums one would certainly call them in football surroundings — who disturbed his equilibrium and the pleasure of walking beside him. "I heard one or two things, sour things," he admitted, "but I will say no more, it serves no purpose."

His caddie, Mike "Fluff" Cowan, had an animated and long chat with his 10th charge before the 10th hole. "It was between me and him. It was about life, about stuff... but I'm not saying anything more about it, so you can save your breath, don't ask." The normally friendly Cowan said.

Woods was fingering a string tied like a bracelet around his left wrist. "It's for my religion, Buddhist, it denotes strength," he said. Strong indeed is the man who can take defeat in a season

when he and everyone watching expect him to out-drive and out-play the field. Could he really take eight shots off the overnight leader? For two holes, two exquisite and unrivalled birdies on the 4th and 5th, it looked possible. He had used his driver at the 557-yard 4th, driven powerfully, way, way beyond 350 yards, and set up with that free and glorious swing his first under-par hole. Two shots were all he needed to conquer the 5th, a 210-yard par three, an iron off the tee and a 15-foot putt which he and Cowan

were both able to make.

Not the Tiger's tournament, the taming indeed of the visitor. But he brings a new dimension, as one saw on the backward nine, when a slender female stood beside the 16th fairway, her face, her arms, and other visible parts of bodily flesh painted in tiger stripes. "Hi Tiger, how are you doing?" Another smile. He notices everything, and defeated or not, he enjoys.

However, the season came to an abrupt end in September when Allenby, who tends to be accident-prone in small ways — blistered feet from wearing new shoes, twisting ankles walking to the car — was involved in a serious car crash on the Costa del Sol. He fractured his sternum and only put in a token appearance at the Volvo Masters in October to safeguard his third place in the order of merit and an invitation to the Masters. Allenby missed the cut at Augusta and since then he has been working out in a gym six days a week, trying to build up his upper body strength — although his natural whip-pants has always helped him to hit the ball a long way. He has also become the Oliver Twist of the tournament circuit, always asking for more, trying to put bulk on his spare frame — so far with no success.

That is not a problem the burly Westwood shares. Since his coach Peter Cowan encouraged him to swing more aggressively at the ball and hit it hard, Westwood has won twice, in Europe and in Japan, where Jack Nicklaus saw him hitting balls on the practice ground and shook his head in wistful awe. Westwood is ambitious but his father John, who teaches maths, gives him "reality checks", reminding him it might take a schoolteacher some time to earn the £449,960 Westwood won in Europe last season.

Even the £24,300 he and Allenby earned yesterday puts things in perspective.

## Allenby and Westwood left waiting for place among elite

By PATRICIA DAVIES

LEE WESTWOOD and Robert Allenby were two hot, dusty and disappointed young men by the end of the Open yesterday, having returned matching rounds of 72, one over par, for identical totals of 222, two under, and a share of tenth place.

The burly Englishman from Worksop and the skinny Australian from Melbourne set out behind Tom Watson and just in front of Tiger Woods, in among the elite, where they crave to be. They had birdie threes at the first, to move to four under par, but that early sparkle quickly dulled and the glory was grabbed by another talented young man, Justin Leonard.

Leonard is 25, a year younger than Allenby and a year older than Westwood, and they also have great expectations. In fact, Allenby achieved so much at an early age — he almost won the Australian Open as an amateur in 1991 and did win the title three years later — that, when he struggled at first in Europe, people questioned his resilience.

They forgot that he was only 20 when he started on the PGA European tour, a shy lad from a close-knit family. Coping for himself overseas was tough and combining golf with maturing was not always a happy mix. He married, divorced, and started fulfilling the expectations last year when he won three times.

However, the season came



Westwood: aggressive

## Ballesteros facing uneasy Ryder Cup selections

Mel Webb outlines the difficult choices to be made by Europe's team captain after Jesper Parnevik's Open challenge

S TROLLING amid the dust and the heat of Royal Troon yesterday and watching Jesper Parnevik provide further evidence of his emergence as a power in world golf, the phrase involving pigeons, and the ransacking of them by small domesticated felids, came unbidden, but irresistibly to mind. Why so? Easily explained, in a mere three words — the Ryder Cup.

A place for Parnevik in the doy় dozen who will appear for Europe in the greatest team event in golf, at Valderrama in September, has become something of a *cuisse célèbre* that seems to have been running for ever.

The protagonists are the PGA European Tour, as represented by Ken Schofield, its executive director, and Parnevik himself, who has been playing in the United States for three years and who no longer holds membership of the Tour. As such, he cannot be considered for a Ryder Cup place on the basis of money

won. On the face of it, that situation has not changed.

Parnevik is ninth in the US money-list on almost \$800,000 (about £500,000), and fifteenth in the world rankings, and yet, as a European who is not a member of the European Tour, he is not eligible for selection on merit for the team.

The fact that he has earned nearly £20,000 in Europe and in the three major championships he has contested this year counts for nothing. If it were not so pitiful, it would be laughable.

All that Parnevik has to console him is that his performance at Royal Troon increases his chances of Severiano Ballesteros making him one of his two captain's selections when he makes his mind up at the end of August.

Of those appearing on the final day, there were 16 Ameri-

cans in the top 20 in their Ryder Cup list, six more than their European counterparts. While none slipped out of contention, only a few furthered their cause to a significant extent. As the qualifying period for both teams moves into its final stages — the US team will be finalised after the US PGA Championship, which ends on August 17, the European 12 weeks later — those who have figured large in the lists in recent weeks showed no signs of losing their form.

Darren Clarke clinched his place in the team by finishing third in the French Open at the end of June and, by finishing joint second at Royal Troon, he turned his third place in the Cup points-list to second. The man he overtook, Ian Woosnam, was never at his best at Troon: level par was just about the right finish for the little Welshman.

Colin Montgomerie, a disappointment yet again in an Open Championship, is unashamedly atop the castle. He seems incapable of doing justice to his stupendous talents in the only major championship to be held in his native land, but his level-par finish can be discounted. The Ryder Cup starts in 68 days' time — Montgomerie will have got over this disappointment long before then.

Of those in challenging

positions in this championship, there were signs that the best players on both teams continued in good form. Lee Westwood, held by Montgomerie as the best player under 30 in Europe, was not disgraced in the elevated company in which he found himself during the week — he played with Greg Norman in the first two rounds and

accompanied Robert Allenby on the last. He, too, is safe.

A little closer to that blessed position is Padraig Harrington, the strapping Dubliner, who, with his joint fifth place, moved from sixteenth place in the table to eleventh. Harrington needs one or maybe two good performances in the remaining five weeks to turn his preliminary fitting for a Ryder Cup blazer into bespoke reality.

On the American side, Justin Leonard, an inspired and courageous winner, moved from a choppy tenth to the calmer waters of third place in the US Cup table, and the manner of his victory will give Tom Kite, the US team captain, untold encouragement.

In other circumstances, Kite's European counterpart would be just as happy, but there was an applicant out on the rolling acres of Royal Troon yesterday — and a certain Swede with a quirky line in headgear did his level best to upset it.

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**LOMBARD TROPHY UPDATE**

Now in its third year, it's already the biggest and best Pro-Am golfing event in Europe. In 1997 over 100,000 club golfers from 1,700 clubs competed in qualifying rounds for the right to partner their club professional in one of 16 Regional Finals. The 16 winning pairings gain an expenses paid trip to the Grand Final, flying to the Algarve with TAP Air Portugal between 3 and 7 October. Lombard, the event's sponsor is the UK's largest finance house which advances around £150 million each week to their business and personal customers - many of whom compete in the Trophy.

**SOUTH EAST REGIONAL FINAL**

It will be a case of déjà vu for Slimfold Park Golf Club Pro Marcus Groombridge after reaching his second successive Lombard Grand Final - the first time that has happened in the three year history of the event. Groombridge linked up well at the Charlton Park course with 41-year-old amateur partner Neil Jones to notch a six-under 66 winning on a countback from Beaufort Park. "We were laid back and never really thought we could win," said Stuart, "but after a bacon sandwich and a cup of coffee

**MIDDLESEX REGIONAL FINAL**

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**EASTERN REGIONAL FINAL**

The fast time Weston Park professional Michael Few played in Portugal it was in the Portuguese Open whilst on the European Tour in the early 90s. Report compiled by the PGA Press Office



## When Troon was the BBC's missing links

We are used to insisting that we watch our sports broadcasts live. If that means getting up at unearthy times of night or not going to bed at all, so be it — that becomes part of the experience. However, as well as live, there is a growing demand these days to have our sport complete.

It's what made Sky's coverage of the last Ryder Cup so memorable (remember how they flew out an entire outside broadcast unit to cover the three-hour gap when the host American network covered a football game); it is what has made the BBC's much-improved Test match coverage so exciting this summer; and it is turning Eurosport's coverage of the Tour de France into one of the most addictive events of the summer. From beginning to end, we increasingly want to

be there and increasingly broadcasters are happy to oblige.

Yet, at the Open from Royal Troon, it was the one thing that the BBC could not provide. On Thursday and Friday they more or less got away with it, opening up at 10.30am and, except for a half hour break for *Working Lunch* and *Neighbours*, continued right through to 7.30pm. Only the most tedious of pedants could complain that 8½ hours of coverage a day was not enough.

On Saturday, however, just about everybody had grounds for complaint. With BBC1 predictably dedicated to a morning of children's programming, BBC2 was unpredictably showing reruns of *Phil Silvers* and *Tony Hancock*. Meanwhile, Troon was basking in glorious sunshine

**MATTHEW BOND**  
TV ACTION REPLAY



and some of the best golfers in the world were going about their business unseen. By the time that coverage got properly under way in *Grandstand*, it was after one o'clock and Tiger Woods, out in 32, was at the 11th. With three races from Newbury to fit in, Woods's remarkable back nine passed in a confusing blur of live and catch-up television. In the circumstances, it was perhaps not tactful of Steve Rider to bang on about that "remarkable round" for the rest of the afternoon.

Of course, the BBC recovered well and the battle between Clarke and Parnevik and between Clarke and the back nine provided a wonderful four hours of live sport and a perfect contrast to the inevitable high speed, blink-and-you-miss-it montage of the first couple of days. Indeed, until it all got interesting again at the 6th yesterday, it looked as if we might have seen the best the journalism had to offer. Yet a bogey here, a birdie there and, as Peter Alliss said, "a lot more

drama still to come before we draw stumps".

John Shrewsbury, the executive producer, had rightly insisted, for the first time, on having a camera at all 18 holes for all four days. Together with Alastair Scott, the producer, he made excellent use of them, with only the highest of lofted drives and the prickliest of gorse-bush lies escaping their all-seeing lenses.

The commentary team, I thought, was just a pip or too below the high standard that it sets itself, with the matter-of-fact and well-researched Peter Oosterhuis, unexpectedly, emerging as the pick of them, and Alex Hay a close second. The Peters, Alliss and Thompson, had their comic moments, but are beginning to be so similar in laid-back style that you do wonder about the justification for having both of

## Mackenzie performs winning double act

NIGAL MACKENZIE, the defending champion, took two strides towards retaining his British superbike title, by winning the eleventh and twelfth rounds at Oulton Park yesterday. Mackenzie, from Dunblane, overcame a fierce challenge from John Reynolds, from Nottingham, in the two 15-lap races.

In the first race, he nosed his Yamaha clear at halfway and then, after Reynolds had surged past him on the penultimate lap on his Ducati, won a last-lap confrontation to win by 0.1sec. Three riders led in as many laps at the start of the second race before Mackenzie eased clear to win by 0.3sec. "I'm happy enough with that," he said after his seventh victory of the season and third double. Mackenzie leads Chris Walker, his team-mate, 243-190 in the title chase, while Reynolds third on 165 points.

## Jurgensen jumps ahead

GOLF: Steve Jurgensen had a round of 69, three under par, to establish a two-shot lead after the third round of the Deposit Guaranty Classic at Madison, Mississippi. Seeking his first US PGA Tour win, Jurgensen, 26, had a birdie at the last hole to double his lead. His worst round of the tournament was still good enough to move him to 202, 14 under par, two strokes in front of the American quartet of Brian Clae, Billy Ray Brown, Steve Lowery and Don Pooley, who had been the joint-leader after two rounds. Pooley had a third round of 71. Six other players were a shot further back.

## Komen sets best time

ATHLETICS: Daniel Komen, right, of Kenya, set a world best of 7min 58.61sec for two miles at a meeting in Hechtel, Belgium, on Saturday. Komen, who holds the world record for 3,000 metres, said afterwards that he hopes to run 12min 35sec in the 5,000 metres at the world championships in Athens next month, almost ten seconds inside the existing record.



## Guinness sponsorship

RUGBY UNION: Guinness Brewing Worldwide has become the first global sponsor of the 1999 World Cup, and will also be the competition's official beer supplier. A statement yesterday said that the company will be investing about £10 million in the sponsorship and marketing of the event. Guinness also sponsors the Ireland national squad and the Irish inter-provincial championship.

## Irwin chasing fifth title

GOLF: Hale Irwin had a round of 68 — four under par — to take the lead after the second round of the Burnet Senior Classic at Coon Rapids, Minnesota. Irwin, who has won four events on the US Seniors Tour this year and leads the money-list, led by one shot from Lee Trevino, who had a 68. John Bland, of South Africa, and Bob Murphy were a stroke further back.

## Liles clings on to title

BOXING: Frankie Liles, of the United States, retained his World Boxing Association super-middleweight title after struggling to a unanimous decision over Zaffarou Balogun, of Togo, in Nashville. Liles, making a sixth defence of the title, was knocked down in the ninth round. He may now face Steve Collins, of Ireland, the World Boxing Organisation champion, in a unification bout.



## Jackson runs into form

ATHLETICS: Colin Jackson, right, recorded his best time of the season in the 110 metres hurdles at a meeting in Ingolstadt, Germany, yesterday. Jackson, the world record-holder, from Cardiff, won the race in 13.24sec. Florian Schwartbuck, the Olympic bronze medal-winner, of Germany, was expected to challenge Jackson, but withdrew because of an injury.

## Morley leads rout

LACROSSE: Steve Morley, the captain, produced an inspirational performance as England began the defence of their European title in Stockholm yesterday. Morley scored five goals in an 18-2 victory over Germany. England led 8-0 at half-time and turned up the heat in the second half. Will Stelfox, the goalkeeper, and Anthony Murphy, the midfield player, both 17, made their international debuts.

## Surrey hold off Norfolk

RIFLE SHOOTING: Surrey won the King George V Trophy in the English county rifle championship at Bisley over the weekend. They scored 1,187 out of a possible 1,200, beating Norfolk into second place by six points. Norfolk, whose team now includes Antony Ringer, the world champion, and Nigel Ball, the former Royal Navy champion, are showing signs of becoming a threat to Surrey.

RUGBY LEAGUE: SUPER LEAGUE LEADERS SUFFER NEW HUMILIATION IN WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

## Bradford submit to awesome Auckland

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WHEN Bradford Bulls succumbed to three home defeats in the Super League Visa world club championship, there were, at least, some redeeming factors. There were none whatsoever, however, in their abject 64-14 defeat by Auckland Warriors in the Ericsson Stadium yesterday.

Bearing in mind that Auckland, the bottom club in the Australasian Super League, had squeezed past Bradford by four points at Olds, it was no surprise to see them overturn Bradford for a second time in a month. However, not even the most gloomy pessimist would have forecast a margin of 50 points in the rematch in New Zealand.

Although Bradford have posted 17 successive victories

even split of European and Australasian quarter-finalists — Auckland could miss out, even if they remain unbeaten, because of points difference, which would be a shame.

As flimsily as Bradford defended, Auckland were as daring and lethal as anything that the British sides have had to contend with in the competition. Their third try, when the score was 16-8 and could still loosely be described as a contest, killed off Bradford on the half-hour, as Hoppe starting and finishing a 90-metre flourish that featured some magnificent support play.

The early loss of McNa- mara, and later that of Bradley, the one player obdurate enough not to give in, did Bradford's cause no good.

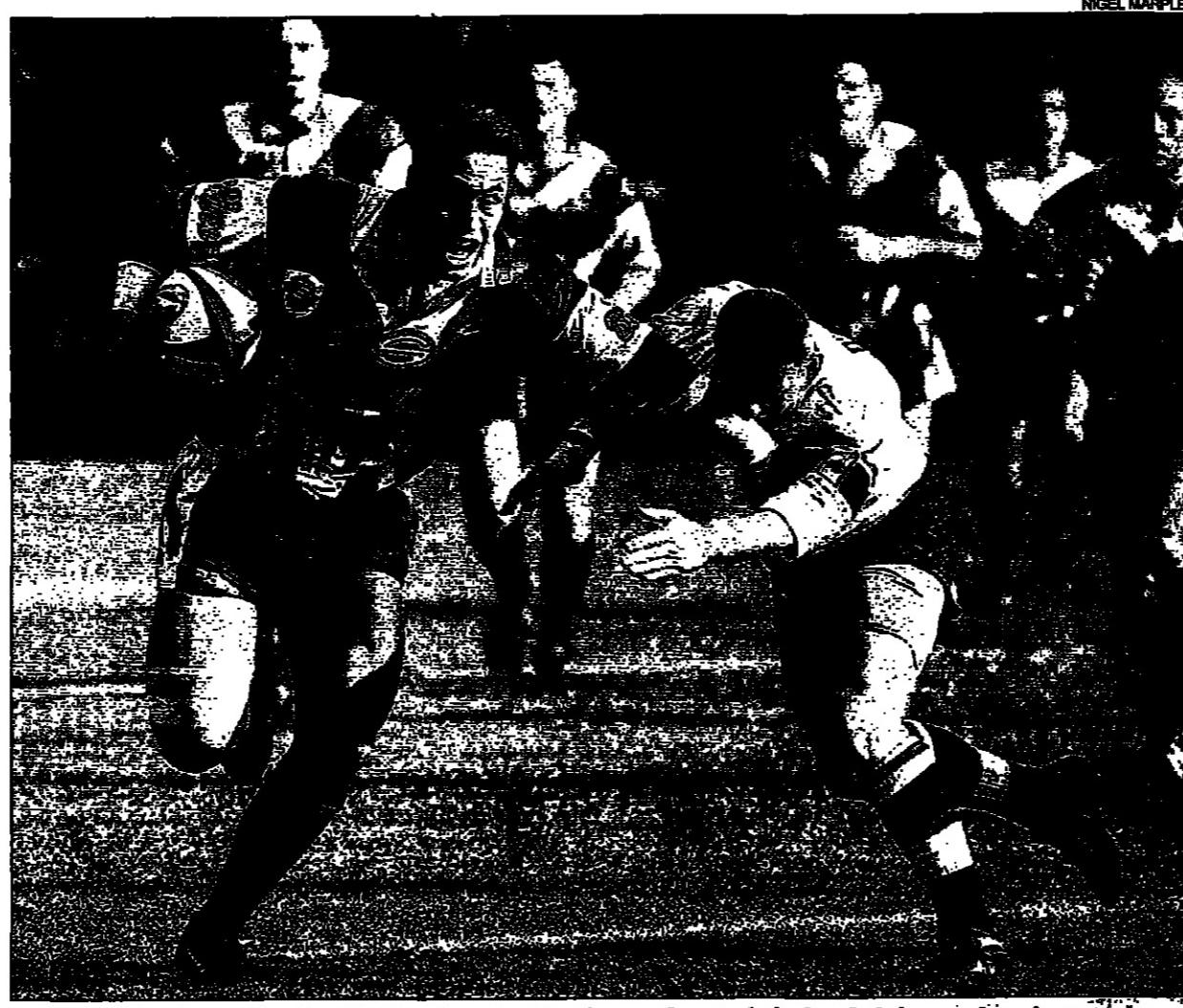
Bradley and Lowes were unstoppable from close range in the opening quarter, but Auckland scored another 44 points before McDermott levered himself across the line for a consolation try at a end.

Unbelievably, Auckland had fretted beforehand about the unavailability of Ridge, the team's inspirational captain and goal-kicker. In the event, he was not missed. After Oudernyn claimed the opening try in the second minute, Ngamu landed the conversion from the touchline and succeeded with a further 11 goals from 12 attempts, most from in front of the Bradford posts.

Ropati scored four tries in Auckland's previous biggest victory, at Warrington last month, and this time managed three in the second half. Hoppe got his second as Bradford shipped 16 points in the ten minutes that Tomlinson was in the sin-bin for a professional foul. Ngamu's try wrapped up a club individual record of 28 points and Eru, Bettis and Elliss added their names to the scoresheet.

SCORERS: Auckland: Womersley, Tripp, Ropati (3), Oudernyn, Eru, Bettis, Lowes, Ngamu, Elliss, Tomlinson, Hodge, Bradbury, Lowes, McDermott, Gole, Lougan. Halifex: Tomlinson, A. Hodge, C. Hodge, G. Ngamu, S. Jones, B. Makoni, S. Eru, Sean, Substitutes: B. Henare, S. Endacott, M. Hood, D. Bothwell.

BRADFORD BULLS: S. Sonico, M. Collard, D. Peacock, P. Loughnane, A. Hodson, G. Bradbury, G. Tomlinson, B. Bradbury, S. Lowes, C. Pilkington, S. Naylor, B. Oliver, S. McKenna, Substitutes: P. Anderson, N. Graham, M. Forshaw, J. Waterhouse. Referee: W. Hargan (Sydney)



Vagana brushes aside a Bradford tackle as Auckland go on the attack during their impressive win yesterday

## Halifax find some late cheer

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

HALIFAX failed to improve on their woeful record in the world club championship, but still salvaged some pride with a spirited late show in their 40-22 defeat by Canterbury Bulldogs at Thrum Hall yesterday. The final word went to Robert Mears, the hooker, who had levered himself over early in the second half and Halifax were chasing a forlorn task when El Masre picked up a loose ball and sprinted half the length of the field after 58 minutes.

Powell and Highton gave the crowd something to cheer before El Masre ensured that

it was Canterbury who finished on a high.

Sheffield Eagles failed to repeat their narrow defeat of the Red Devils last month when the teams met in the reverse fixture at the WACA on Saturday. They went down 49-12 — Perth's biggest win in their short history and welcome encouragement after their two defeats in Europe last month.

The damage to Sheffield had been done long before the scuffles at the end that resulted in Darren Turner and

Keith Senior being sent to the sin-bin with Brett Green, the Perth prop forward.

Wayne Evans scored the first of Perth's nine tries after two minutes and the second, by Higgins, brought a swift response as Whetu Taewa scored from Sheffield's first attack. Mark Aston converted, but Perth hit back immediately when Chris Ryan scored a try on the last tackle and Perth stretched their lead to 24-6 at the break when Matt Rodwell went over.

Perth sustained their momentum and, after three minutes of the second half, Mark Geyer raced 30 metres from a scrum to touch down. Sheffield's situation worsened as Waiafei Sovatubua failed to collect an easy pass near his line and Shaun Devine snapped up a further score.

After the 42-14 defeat by Hunter at Wheldon Road, Mike Ford, the Castleford captain, was pleased with his team's improvement. "Playing at this level can only make us better," he said.

Castlefod, despite trailing 18-4 at half-time, refused to be intimidated and Jason Critchley claimed an excellent try to add three more to one scored by Chris Smith in the first half.

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In the Australian Rugby League competition, Parramatta extended their winning run to ten matches with a 28-22 defeat of Newcastle Knights that keeps them in second behind Manly-Warringah. The top two meet on Friday.

## Castleford manage to keep their pride intact

BY FAR THE best performances by European sides in the world club championship have come in pool B, where only Castleford — who were far from disgraced in a 26-8 defeat away to Hunter Mariners yesterday — and Salford have failed to beat Australian opposition.

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Hunter, the only unbeaten Australian pool B team, are now favourites to claim the fourth quarter-final qualification place. John Carlaw and

Keith Beauchamp scored two tries while the two brothers, Kevin and Tony, added their names to the scoresheet.

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in running away with the domestic Stones Super League title, they have looked lost each time that they have stepped on to a bigger stage, first at Wembley, in losing to St Helens in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final, and now on four occasions in the world championship.

If they suffer similar defeats in their next matches, against Penrith and Cronulla, in Australia, Bradford would be struggling to claim one of the three automatic places for the knockout stages from the European pool A, but, unless humiliation can somehow trigger a dramatic turnaround, it is hard to see how they can pick up a single win in the group stages.

After each of their defeats in the first phase, the Bradford coaching staff were quick to defend their players and draw something positive from the performance. This time, there was no hiding place and their sorry display was, perhaps best summed up by Frank Endacott, the Auckland coach. "I don't know what was wrong with them today," he said. "They're not that bad."

The world championship

has been Bradford's *hors d'oeuvre* and Auckland's saving grace during their disappointing domestic campaign. In the iniquitous qualification system — a contrivance to guarantee an

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It's in tiles

## Ullrich emerges from eastern shadows to start new era



Ullrich, as calm as ever, waits to start yesterday's stage

**B**arring accidents or the most remarkable collapse in form seen in the modern history of the Tour de France, Jan Ullrich will be consecrated in Paris next Sunday as professional cycling's new *patron*. He may be just a freckle-faced 23-year-old, younger than Eddy Merckx, Bernard Hinault or Miguel Indurain when they took the first of their five wins but he has emerged as the most dominant Tour leader for over a decade.

Even the metronomic and unflappable Indurain failed to master his rivals as coolly as Ullrich has done this year, countering every attack on his superiority with ease, yet while his athletic prowess has been startlingly obvious since he took control of the race and took charge of its yellow jersey in the Pyrenees last week, he remains something

of a mystery. German correspondents covering the event have been joking that "talking to the press makes him sweat more than wearing the yellow jersey".

Ullrich would not argue with that. "I like being on my bike," he said at one press conference. "It's the only time I can get away from everything."

His fresh open features hide a shy character born into the strict East German system, whose Tour win can be seen as the last fling of the old Eastern Bloc schools of sporting excellence. Born one of three brothers in Rostock close to the Baltic Sea, in December of 1973, he learned to be self-reliant after his father left home when Ullrich was just three. He was competitive, too, and, having taken up cycle racing, won his first event at school when he was only nine.

**Jeremy Whittle charts the rise of the young German cyclist who has taken the Tour de France by storm**

It was Peter Becker, the well-known coach to many in the Eastern Bloc, who laid the foundations of Ullrich's present success. Becker spotted Ullrich when he was a red-headed 12-year-old with the Children and Youth Sports School in East Berlin at a cyclo-cross event in 1986. Even though the youngster struggled around the muddy course on a standard road bike, Becker was impressed by his attitude and, with his mother's blessing, Ullrich left home to live and train under Becker's wing in Hamburg.

Meanwhile, Greg Lemond, of the United States, was revolutionising professional cycling by becoming the first English-speaker to win the Tour de France. Ullrich, able to snatch occasional glimpses of the Tour from Western television pictures, was fascinated. "I saw Lemond and Laurent Fignon fighting over the yellow jersey in 1989 and I dreamed of doing it too," he recalls. "Riding the Tour became my dream."

By 1993 and with the Berlin Wall long gone, eastern Europe's top cyclists had signed for professional teams in Italy, Germany and Spain. They were cheaper, in salary terms, than their Western counterparts, more durable and only too pleased to move out of the shadows, learn a new language and take up

master, the pair became friends, with Riis including Ullrich in his strategy for the 1996 Tour. Riis won, Ullrich was a brilliant second.

Before this year's race began in Riouen, Ullrich had won only a stage of the Tour of Switzerland this season, but it was a misleading statistic. Just seven days before Riis set about defending his Tour title, Ullrich showed his form with victory in the German national championships. He has been perfect in the Tour since then.

"For his age, his ability is almost limitless," the legendary Merckx said after Ullrich increased his lead with victory in last week's time trial. "He can win anything and everything, but saying now, before this year's race is over, that he will win five, maybe six Tours certainly won't help him. What is for sure is that he won't lose this one."

### BOWLS

**Gowshall's unbeaten run comes to an end**

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

THE "old man's marbles" image may be way off the mark in the modern game of bowls, where the top men all seem to be in their 20s or 30s, but the women's game, perhaps because of its staid and strict dress code, remains more popular with the older generation.

Even here, however, the old order is changing, as 64 exuberant young women showed at Fort Rush yesterday, dressed flamboyantly in coloured shirts, and generally hatless, on the opening day of the British Isles under-25 team championship.

Scotland, clad, appropriately perhaps, in purple, looked the best of the bunch, playing aggressive bowls to disarm first England, the defending champions, and then Ireland, who failed to exploit their home advantage.

Any Gowshall, 18, from Grimsby, who had won all her nine matches at international level, tasted defeat for the first time, against Anne Brown, of Scotland, who plays the sort of game that took the Scotland men's team to the senior British title at Worthing earlier this month.

England look to Gowshall for inspiration and for once she failed to deliver, though she bounced back after lunch to skip her rink to an excellent 32-6 win over a Wales quartet skipped by Anwen Butten.

Remarkably, all four Wales skips — Butten, Sam Smith, Sarah Harris and Helen Rhian Jones — are playing in their tenth consecutive series, and, after dismissing Ireland so easily, 104-44, they were bitterly disappointed to be taken apart by England.

Realistically, they can now hope only to upset Scotland's progress when they meet them today, while England's chances depend not only on a big victory over Ireland, but also on a decent Wales win over Scotland.

Brown finished with an aggregate advantage of 22 shots, while Kirsteen Reilly, her team-mate, did even better, and is on plus 25.

Alan Rough and Roy Henry, the local pair, halved the Channel Island duo of Peter Le Long and David Le Marquand in Aberdeen on Saturday. Henry ended a revival from 7-1 down to 9-9 by overturning a potential count of three to open up a 12-9 lead that stretched to a 16-9 victory in the Grampian Television international pairs tournament.

### TOUR DE FRANCE DETAILS

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## CRICKET

# Bailey's field work brings timely reward

ALAN LEE



## Championship Commentary

**I**t had not been a good week for Rob Bailey, the captain of Northamptonshire. Bailey, one of the most genuine, likeable men in cricket, had already made the first "pair" of his 16-year championship career and now, late on the fourth day of an epic fixture, it seemed that his team was about to exacerbate a barren season with defeat against Essex.

At times like this, even the most committed cricketer begins to question himself, and it would be no surprise if Bailey, 18 months into the job and with no great improvement likely on sixteenth place in the Britannic Assurance county championship last year, was thinking dark and fatalistic thoughts as he stood at slip.

Bailey would be right to fear for his position, as any unsuccessful captain must; but he also knew that John Embrey, the club coach, was spending the day at Lord's making Northamptonshire's overtures to Shane Warne. Would the captaincy form part of the bait in the latest of many county negotiations with Warne? Rumours were rife and Bailey was doubtless feeling insecure.

Paul Grayson had carried Essex through some storms to within 16 runs of the victory that would take them to the head of the table. The problem for Grayson was that he had only Peter Such left for company, and Such, whose batting wins far more credit for artistic impression than technical

merit, was on strike. When such squirts of ball from Paul Taylor wide of the slips, Grayson saw his chance and called for a single. He had reckoned without the athleticism and alertness of a 33-year-old with plenty on his mind. Bailey dived on the ball and scooped it back, hitting the stumps direct to run out Grayson for a valiant 62.

On such moments a season can turn. It will bring no promise of glory to Northamptonshire, but it could bring an advance towards respectability, especially now that they have finally begun to back youngsters such as David Roberts, who made a first-innings century, and Jeremy Snape, whose off spin claimed four vital wickets on Saturday.

As for Essex, they may have

cause to reflect on this result with anguish two months from now. It was the type of game, coming from behind, that they habitually won in their championship years and, with Graham Gooch about to depart, their batting is beginning to look suspect.

They now play two home matches in succession and need to win them both, for Glamorgan, who have an 11-point cushion at the top, can be expected to beat Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire in their next two fixtures, retaining pole position well into August.

It remains an open race, with the unfamiliar sight of Gloucestershire in third place — a position that they should reinforce by beating Durham in the second match of the Cheltenham Festival — and Leicestershire, the champions, not yet out of contention in seventh.

Remarkably, Leicestershire have not lost in the championship since mid-June of last year, a sequence of 21 matches, but, whereas they won eight and drew three of the 11 that were played last season, they have won only two, and drawn eight, this year. But for the win at Canterbury on Saturday, they could almost certainly bid farewell to the champions' pennant.

Leicestershire have been pursued by poor weather this season and theirs was the only match seriously affected in this round. That they won it was as much a tribute to the negotiating skills of James Whitaker, the captain, as to the batting of Neil Johnson and Ben Smith.

Whitaker, desperate for a positive result, worked out a target of 365 from 105 overs. It was a far from generous concession by Steve Marsh, the Kent captain, but Whitaker backed his batsmen. His judgment looked flawed when they slumped to 142 for four, but Johnson and Smith then shared an unbroken stand of 225 to make the target seem straightforward.

**B**ack in April, amid protracted indecision over the signing of an overseas replacement for Phil Simmons, it was tempting to conclude that Leicestershire would be better off without one. After all, who had even heard of N Johnson or Natal?

Well, Jack Birkenshaw, the club coach, certainly had and he sang his praises to any who listened. He is not a bad judge, either, if the form of last week is anything to go by. Johnson made 189 runs in the match without being out. More heroes of this kind are required, however, for Leicestershire are effectively three wins behind Glamorgan, who they meet at Grace Road in mid-August.

Warwickshire are still wondering whether they failed to finish off Nottinghamshire, who followed on 211 runs behind but salvaged a draw with ease, but there were wins on Saturday for Surrey and Lancashire, the sleeping giants.

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## Lancashire hope for illuminating evening

**L**ANCASHIRE are confident that their experiment with floodlit cricket at Old Trafford today will be the start of regular day-night matches at the ground.

The county expect to attract a crowd of around 10,000 for the match against Yorkshire that will — after the abandonment of Surrey's match against Nottinghamshire last month — be the first floodlit match on a county ground.

Jim Cumbes, the Lancashire marketing manager, said: "We are trying to bring in families and the younger generation — the people that cricket will depend on for support in the future."

"It's an experiment, a bold

one, and we might get one or two things wrong, but it has got to be worth trying. If it is successful, we will look at future possibilities, including a Sunday league game and maybe even one of the three World Cup ties Old Trafford stages in 1999."

The match will be of 50 overs each, but will be split into two sessions of 25 overs with the teams bating alternatively to ensure that they bat and field under the lights. The game starts at 3.30pm and should end around 11pm. Four banks of mobile floodlights will be used. Floodlit Asia League games are scheduled for Edgbaston and Hove later in the season.

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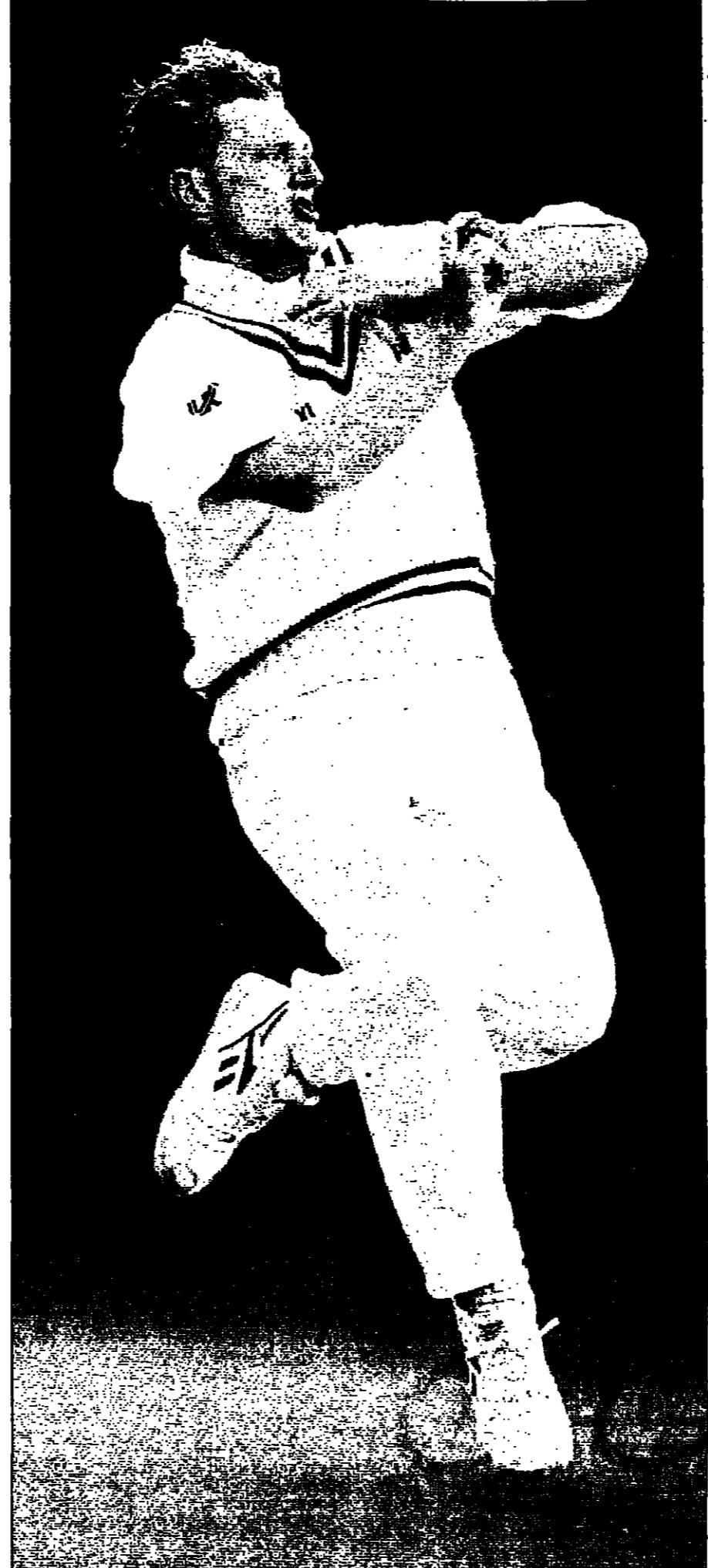
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2	D T White (Yorkshire)	10	14	3	1024	153	81.84	3
3	T H Lewis (Kent)	9	14	3	719	150	65.36	1
4	M Rampisla (Middlesex)	10	14	2	780	145	65.00	1
5	M L Hayden (Hampshire)	10	18	4	965	265	56.25	4
6	H Morris (Warwickshire)	10	14	2	820	150	58.57	2
7	J M Tait (Leicestershire)	11	14	2	820	150	58.57	2
8	S R Waugh (Australia)	7	9	3	520	116	58.88	3
9	T L Penny (Wales)	8	12	3	681	150	56.75	3
10	A E Atherton (Kent)	9	14	2	520	139	57.77	2
11	J J Whicker (Lancs)	9	15	2	730	210	56.15	2
12	N C Curran (Nottinghamshire)	10	14	2	558	150	55.80	2
13	N C Curran (Leicestershire)	10	14	2	558	150	55.80	2
14	G D Lloyd (Lancashire)	10	14	2	558	150	55.80	2
15	J P Cowley (Lancashire)	10	14	2	558	150	55.80	2
16	J P Cowley (Lancashire)	9	14	2	551	124	54.25	2
17	G S Blewett (Australia)	6	1	431	125	53.87	1	
18	M T G McCabe (Nottinghamshire)	6	1	677	127	52.50	1	
19	D P Cokely (Nottinghamshire)	9	12	3	555	129	50.71	3
20	P J Richardson (Essex)	10	14	4	505	134	50.50	1
21	M P Maynard (Glamorgan)	10	14	4	505	134	50.50	1
22	D Byres (Nottinghamshire)	10	14	4	505	134	50.50	1
23	R J Stead (Nottinghamshire)	10	14	4	505	134	50.50	1
24	R J Stead (Nottinghamshire)	11	14	2	589	128	49.50	2
25	B F Smith (Leicestershire)	10	14	2	520	121	48.50	1
26	A J Thorpe (Surrey)	10	14	2	520	121	48.50	1
27	T M Head (Surrey)	10	14	2	520	121	48.50	1
28	M E Waugh (Australia)	7	11	2	429	123	47.55	1
29	V J Wells (Leicestershire)	11	17	0	601	247	47.11	2
30	K M Curran (Nottinghamshire)	9	15	2	561	104	47.00	1
31	P J Richardson (Essex)	10	16	2	643	106	46.92	1
32	R J Turner (Somerset)	8	11	2	367	83	45.87	1
33	G R Haynes (Worcestershire)	9	12	2	453	70	45.80	1
34	T S Curtis (Worcestershire)	9	16	2	441	71	44.45	1
35	P C L Holmey (Somerset)	9	11	2	483	90	43.80	1
36	R J Holden (Lancashire)	9	12	2	326	129	43.86	2
37	R J Holden (Somerset)	7	11	2	432	70	43.70	1
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39	R J Holden (Somerset)	7	12	2	432	70	43.70	1
40	R J Holden (Nottinghamshire)	10	16	2	611	117	43.54	2

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## Brown relishing the chance to shine

MARK THOMPSON / ALLSPORT



Michael Henderson on the developing talents helping to maintain the drive towards further success at Edgbaston

**H**eld up by a Nottinghamshire side that resisted admirably in the second part of the match, Warwickshire were denied victory at Trent Bridge on Saturday. Indeed, they ended up bating to save it after losing three early wickets in pursuit of 205 in 32 overs, and will remember that Nathan Astle, who did most to deny them by making a century in Nottinghamshire's second innings, was dropped off four.

These though, are still good times for the bear-with-ragged-staffers. They may be modestly placed in the championship, but they play Middlesex at Lord's next week in the NatWest Trophy quarter-finals, and began yesterday top of the Sunday league. After failing to win anything last season, they went pot-less, they are regrouping at their own pace.

Success always raises expectations and, after the trophies won by the side captained by Dermot Reeve, the retouching was never likely to be free of problems. Warwickshire have maintained high standards and, although they have been unlucky with injuries, they are confident in their ability to end the season with something tangible to show for it.

Two of their most impressive performers at Nottingham, as they have proved over the past two months, were Doug Brown, 27, and Graeme Welch, 25. Warwickshire leave no stone unturned in their search for recruits. Reeve came from Kowloon by way of Hove. Brown is a Scot and Welch followed the well-worn path out of Durham.

Since Reeve's departure, they have grown perceptibly into their all-round roles, and they have had Tim Munton, the captain, has been out all season. Adam Donald has been injured, and Gladstone Small is a "country member" these days, wheeled out for the occasional treat. Brown, who swings the ball at a brisk medium pace and Welch, a seamer, have not lacked opportunity. They consider themselves batsmen, too.

"Both players have developed well," Phil Neale, the Warwickshire director of cricket, said. "They were both

vying for the No 6 spot, if you like, after Dermot's departure, and in Tim's absence they have played a lot

It's in life

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Alan Lee on proposals that would dramatically reform county cricket

## MacLaurin puts the case for change

**A** man could not run a company so vast and diverse as Tesco without possessing the initiative of an entrepreneur, the vision to anticipate trends and the personality to cope with complaints. These are the assets that the retired supermarket chairman has now transferred to what were once the ivy towers of Lord's, and to the monumental project that is consuming him.

This week, the blueprint report eagerly, if fearfully, awaited by everyone in cricket emerges, so to speak, from the boss's briefcase. The strategic plan for the domestic game, from 1998 onwards, compiled after the most exhaustive research that cricket has known, will be individually aired to the members of the most influential committee in the game on a for-your-ears-only basis.

Until now, its contents have been a successfully guarded secret, the exclusive province of the chairman and chief executive of the England and Wales Cricket Board. The rest of us have waited in vain for hints on how the game is to change, if indeed it is to change at all.

This last concern need no longer apply, at least so far as the authors of the report are concerned. Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, the chairman of the board, who will forever be identified with the document, makes no secret of that. "We are recommending change," he said firmly. "It would be a dereliction of duty if we just left things as they are, because it hasn't worked."

He does not, naturally, specify the bold print of the report, but he does make the thrust of it clear. "We are not coming up with things absolutely outlandish and, for some, we may not be radical enough," he said, "but we are saying that a lot must alter — despite all the old cricketers who tell me that we have won a game or two against Australia, so we should leave things alone."

"It is not the same game as it was ten or 20 years ago. We have addressed the plain facts that we must have less cricket, better cricket, more quality practice time, smaller county staff and a more seamless progression between the recreational and professional games."

At first-class level, this may not mean an immediate switch to promotion and relegation, but it will bring a transformed county championship and, I believe, a reduction from three to two one-day competitions, both played over the internationally accepted 50-overs-per-side span. It will be programme designed, intensified competition and maximise public appeal. "The game must become more competitive and attractive, or the competition will swamp us," MacLaurin said.

Over the coming days he will be transmitting this message to his 15-strong management board. Then, on August 5, identical presentations of the plan will be made to the county delegates and the media. Six weeks later, on September 15, the proposals will be voted upon, with a simple majority required for their immediate adoption.

MacLaurin will hold his breath. He will be a little like a theatrical director on first night, awaiting the reviews with trepidation. He knows that there will be malcontents and could probably name them now, for it is impossible to satisfy everyone.



MacLaurin's vision for the future of the game will be presented to the counties early next month. Photograph: Clive Mason/Allsport

What if his findings are rejected, if the counties — who still retain power over their own destiny — vote depressingly for the status quo? "Then I fear for the future of the game," he said candidly, and, though he stops short of issuing threats, he would also consider his own position and whether there was any point in him remaining. The game, by rejecting his work, would also have suffered.

Lord MacLaurin and the Hon Tim Lamb, the chief executive of the board, may not sound like men who are about to rip apart the lazy, crazy way that English cricket is conducted. They sound, superficially, like the sort of men who have run the game by birthright and resisted change through the flawed instinct to preserve and protect.

This would be an entirely false impression of two compatible characters who have already achieved what many thought impossible, opening up the arcane corridors of the board to critical inspection and overhaul. They have done this intrepidly, assigning to Lowe Bell, an outside agency, the task of identifying the faults of their own operation.

"I have been involved in many difficult and protracted business ventures," MacLaurin said, "but I can honestly say this is the most

complex thing I have ever undertaken, because, despite all the work and the conclusions, it is ultimately not my decision. At Tesco, I would put things in place, knowing that, if they didn't work, I would be sacked. Things work differently here."

Since taking the chair last October, MacLaurin has been shocked by some of the shortcomings that he has encountered, both at the centre of cricket administration and around the 18 counties. "In my time as chairman," he said, "I intend to give

"I'm a management operation that can carry this game forward into the new century."

Strident, stylish words. They might have come from a politician, and MacLaurin could make rather a good one. Perhaps he labours the odd soundbite, such as wanting players "to die for England", but to judge him on this is to underestimate a man who has brought new qualities of urbanity and communication to a level of cricket administration where the instinctive response to queries and problems is "can't", "won't" or the popularly craven "not allowed to".

MacLaurin cuts through such attitudes. Aged 60, with a son who tried county cricket and became disillusioned by its narrowness, he has worn an unusual uniform of sporting passion and business acumen as he

has toured the country with Lamb, speaking to the key figures at all 18 counties.

To his horror, he has found chief executives who say that they never go into the dressing-room, chairmen belittling their own coaches and talented players whose idea of a profitable off-season is to collect the dole and paint sightscreens. "It is scandalous that some of these practices continue," MacLaurin said. Each of them will be addressed by certain aspects of his blueprint.

MacLaurin believes that no more than a handful of county clubs are run in the way that a self-respecting business would find acceptable. He has found, as others have suspected, that many are willing to take the cosy cushion of almost £1 million each year from centrally generated revenue — in other words, the service to the game beyond their county boundaries.

At a lower level, he has found a Minor Counties system poorly constructed and providing no useful bridge to the first-class game and a club structure crying out for the elitism of a national premier league.

"I still think it realistic that a stockbroker who is a gifted cricketer should play at a sufficiently competitive recreational level that he can

make the step to the county game."

Visits to the counties provided only the start of the foot-high files on MacLaurin's desk. The professional players were polled, as was a sample of the 142,000 county members and another sample of the peripheral audience. "We can't ignore those who are not members but still like to come to cricket occasionally or just watch on TV — there are ten million of them," he said.

There have also been hundreds of unsolicited letters and dozens of interviews with those on the fringes of the game. "I don't believe we could have done more," MacLaurin said. "It has been an amazing process and it has opened my eyes to a great deal."

Both men live with the fear that their work will be in vain. Lamb, who has the 1998 fixture list on hold, said: "I will be very disappointed if it is only a narrow majority. If the worst happens and it is defeated, we would have no option but to leave things as they are, which is absurd as every single county agreed there should be change." MacLaurin goes further. "If they kick it out completely, I will be extremely sad," he said. "The consequences for cricket will be very serious. You cannot continue to settle for mediocrity."

## Proud Gooch retires from the line of fire

Alan Lee pays tribute to a cricketer whose achievement is one of enduring excellence

**T**rue to the promise that he made to himself more years ago than he cares to remember, Graham Gooch is to retire from cricket immediately, for the simple reason that he can no longer maintain his own lofty standards.

On Wednesday, his 44th birthday, he will begin his final match. Fittingly, it will be on the Chelmsford ground that he has adorned for a quarter of a century and, by the time it ends, there may be scarcely a dry eye in the house.

Gooch has been fretting throughout the season. Unable to impose himself on county games as he has done for so long, he continually found himself dismissed for tens and twenties. For the most self-critical batsman I have known, this would not do.

He decided that the time had come during the championship match at Northampton that ended on Saturday. Gooch made 24 and 16, precisely the type of scores that have been frustrating him. His pride could not take it any longer and the most distinguished English batsman of his generation announced that he would not be seeing out the season.

"I am feeling pretty sad," he said yesterday, "but I owe it to myself and the high standards I've set. It's been coming for a few weeks, because I've been struggling. I could carry on until the end of the season, but that wouldn't be right."

Gooch made a "pair" on his Test match debut in 1975, but came back to play 118 times for his country. For 34 of them, he was captain, a job that he resigned from four years ago after the Ashes were conceded once more at Headingly, where England and Australia meet this week.



Gooch: high standards

He reached his peak as an international player later than most and almost entirely because of the demanding programme of practice and training that he put himself through. A compulsion for net practice has never deserted him and it is a safe bet that, retirement or not, he will be first into the Chelmsford nets soon after breakfast on Wednesday.

Occasionally subject to bouts of poor form and hangdog self-analysis, because of a recurring technical flaw, Gooch has nonetheless been the most consistently heavy scorer in the English game for two decades. His career total of almost 45,000 runs, at an average slightly below 50, is testimony to his enduring excellence.

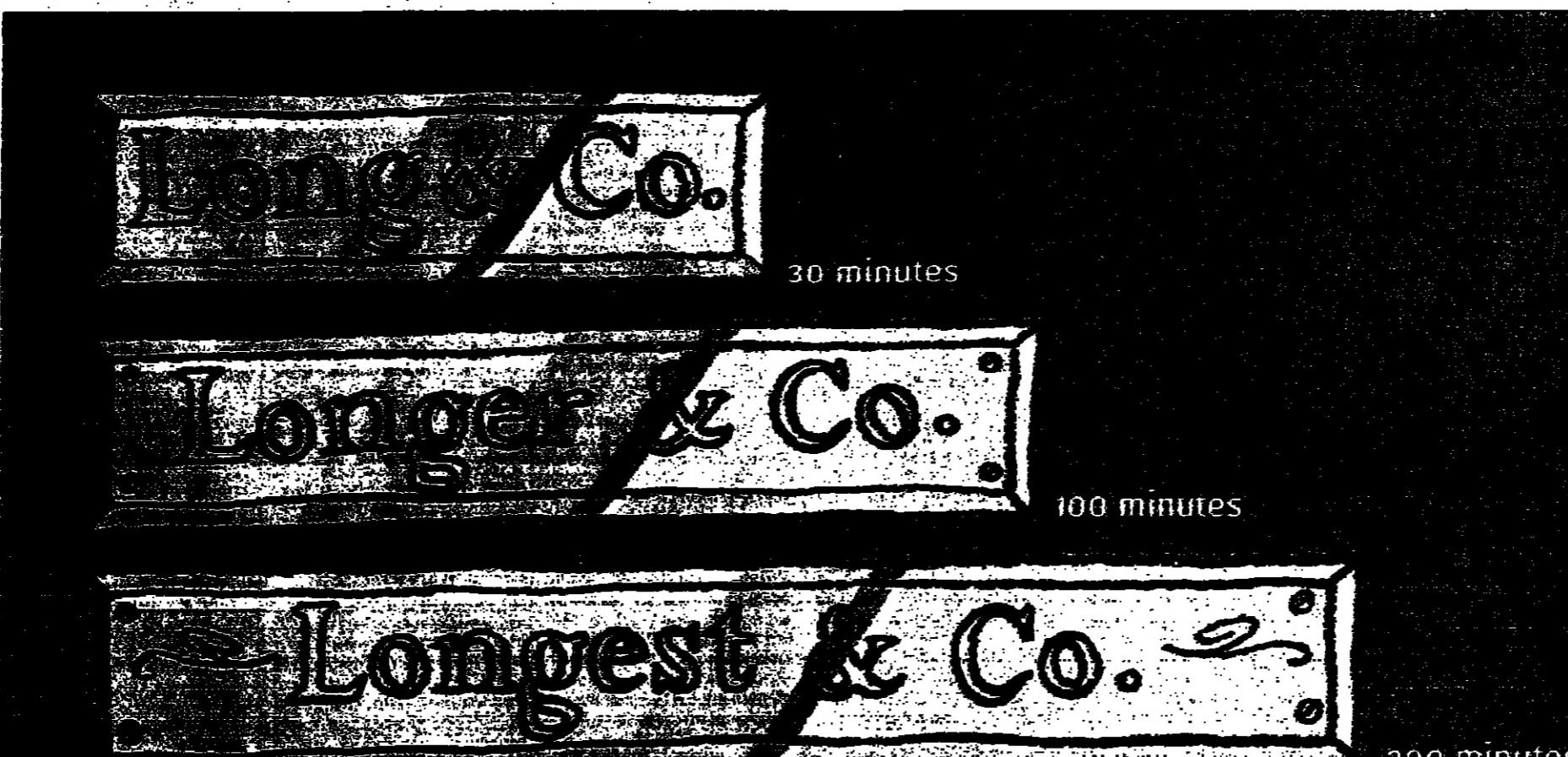
A naturally heavy man, he has achieved wonders to remain physically fit into his forties. He took up road running some years ago and, typically, it became an obsession, though other forms of workout were equally punishing.

**A** though immensely patriotic, he did not need Test cricket for stimulus as many great players have done. After retiring from the international game early in 1995, he happily devoted himself to Essex, the county that he loves. "I'm proud I have always played for Essex with the same vigour I gave to England," he said.

Throughout his career, in all weathers, Gooch was loyally watched from the stands by his mother and father, Rose and Alf. The death of Alf, last December, left Gooch distraught and prompted him to withdraw from coaching the England A tour of Australia.

This winter, however, he will have his chance. Gooch and Mike Gatting, whose retirement may not be so far distant, will share the management duties with England A in Kenya and Sri Lanka. Gooch will be in the briefcase.

He is in his second year as an England selector and commands the respect and admiration of every player with whom he has come into contact. Reports that he was about to be installed as a permanent assistant to David Lloyd, the England coach, were dismissed as premature yesterday, but a job — and a good one — will be found for him within the game that continues to dominate his life.



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## CRICKET

# Brown roars into record books with rapid 203

By SIMON WILDE

**GUILDFORD** (Hampshire won toss); **Surrey** (4pts) beat **Hampshire** by 60 runs

**SURREY** decided to leave Johnny Gould and Rory the Lion behind when they decamped from the Oval for Guildford Week. There was not room for a lion to roar the Woodbridge Road ground and hyperbolic commentary was considered unsuitable for the shires. It was an appropriate decision. For once, deeds spoke for themselves in what is often the Disneyworld of the Axa Life League.

Yesterday, the role of the big cat was taken by Alstair Brown, who tore Hampshire limb from limb in roaring his way to the first double-century made in a limited-overs match between first-class counties, and the highest score in the 28-year history of the league.

His 203 from 119 balls was only three short of the record for a one-day competition in this country, set by Alvin Kallicharran in 1984 but that innings, like Vince Wells's 201 in 1996, was taken off minor county opposition.

The previous league record was held by Graham Gooch, who scored 176 for Essex in 1983 and, hours earlier, had announced his retirement. It was one way for Brown to catch the eye of a man who will soon be concentrating on his England selectorial duties.

Brown has made his reputation as a calculated hitter and struck 157 off 117 balls at Grace Road in this competition in May. He has felt for some time that 200 was a possible score in the league and may have suspected that this was his best chance. Hampshire are a struggling side, the pitch was perfect, the outfield fast and one square boundary laughably short.

He played the majority of his 11 sixes in that direction with the aplomb of a man knocking heads off daisies with his walking-stick: many of his 19 fours also came there. There were times when the two fielders Stephenson, the Hampshire captain, placed there had only yards to move but were unable to get there in time.

Poor Stephenson. For reasons that one hopes will now be forgotten, he chose to field first. Within minutes, he must have regretted it. Brown played himself in by taking 25

## SUNDAY BEST

203; A J Brown (Surrey) v Hampshire  
176; G A Gooch (Essex) v Glamorgan  
(Somerset) 1983  
175½; I T Botham (Somerset) v Northants  
Worringborough 1986  
172½; W Lai (Northants) v Warwickshire  
1982  
172; C G Greenidge (Hants) v Surrey  
(Southampton) 1987  
171½; G A Gooch (Essex) v Notts  
1982  
167½; P Johnson (Notts) v Kent  
(Trent Bridge) 1993

off the first four overs from Connor and Renshaw before opening his shoulders in Connor's third over. He took 20 off that and in the next over, the sixth, reached his 50 off 20 balls with a six against Udal.

After that the murderous pace rarely dropped. He was 68 when Stewart edged into double-figures and had faced 50 balls when his century came up in the eighteenth over. By the time he had reached 150, off 84 balls, it was clear that all individual one-day records were there for the taking. There were still 12 overs to go.

He passed Gooch's record with one of his biggest scores, on to the roof of a marquee at long-on off Bovill, and clapped Renshaw through the leg side for his second century, Stephenson being first to shake his hand. A few minutes later, Brown unintentionally returned the gesture by slicing the next ball he faced — the first of the final over — into the hands of the Hampshire captain at cover.

Brown's pyrotechnics inspired a steady stream of latecomers, in addition to those unaware that this televised match was to start almost an hour earlier than normal. By the time he was making history, many had erected platforms to view from the road and 4,000 were inside the ground.

Surrey made 344 for five and Hampshire were never in with a chance. Considering they lost Hayden in the first over, 276 was a worthy effort. Udal was their top scorer with 78 from 56 balls.

Brown, 27, who played three one-day internationals last year, will represent England in the Hong Kong Sixes in September and may have played himself in the one-day team for Sharjah three months later. He will be back at Guildford today for a benefit match for Martin Bicknell, starting at 1.30pm.

Content at this juncture to pick up singles, the score after

167 runs is 203-6 (119 overs)

ALASTAIR STORIE

**NORTHAMPTON** (Essex won toss); **Essex** (4pts) beat **Northamptonshire** by two wickets

**ESSEX** retained their position at the top of the table after a thrilling two-wicket win over Northamptonshire. Their victory, though warranted, was not an entirely assured performance but confirmed that they had the ability and match-winning composure beyond Law and Hussain.

Having elected to field on a pitch slightly uneven in bounce, they restricted a Northants top order short of First XI cricket, and the pressure resulted in Montagu's needless run out. When Sales played around his front pad to his first ball from Such, Northants were 40 for three.

Such, 27, had the onus then rested with Northants' two most experienced batsmen — Capel, returning from a broken thumb, and Bailey, who endured a pain in the championship.

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Brown's hard hitting may earn him a recall to England's one-day side this winter

## Grayson steers Essex home

BY ALASTAIR STORIE

24 overs was only 78. It was now that drastic measures were implemented, with 78 runs coming from the next eight overs.

The physicality of Bailey's play was impressive and the positive effect on Capel necessary. While both were at the crease a match winning score of 220 was a reality. A neglect of the importance of singles saw Capel and Bailey fall in successive overs. This left the lower order seven over to

build on 168. One hundred and ninety eight should not have posed problems for the highly respected Essex line-up but they found similar difficulties in initiating momentum against the new ball. Paul Taylor was justly rewarded for a linear opening spell with the wicket of the captain Prichard.

Nasser Hussain's indecisive calling, having pushed Capel to backward point, accounted for an ominous looking Law. To compound things he then reverse swept the ebullient Snape to Sales at backward point having frustratingly acquired a fluency.

Grayson and Irani played sensible cricket and took Essex to within reach of their target. However, with the re-introduction of the accurate Taylor, the run rate crept up forcing Irani to improvise unsuccessfully.

Grayson's Sunday best of 69 from 51 balls was the decisive innings of the day and, with one ball left to score two, he calmly eased Emburey to deep mid-wicket for the two wicket win.

It was a remarkable finish to a remarkable game.

Mark Bowden mopped up the tail to finish with four for 29 as Warwickshire fell from 94 for three to 142 all out.

Nottinghamshire's competitive total was based around two substantial partnerships after Dominic Oster held a blinding slip catch to account for Guy Wilson and Astle was run out first ball attempting an unlikely single.

Graeme Archer (53) and Tim Robinson (58) steadied the ship with contrasting half-centuries in a fourth-wicket stand of 94, and Robinson then joined Chris Tolley in a productive half-century partnership for the next wicket.

Robinson struck only one boundary in his fifty, but he was donated four extra runs by a wild throw from Brown that was symptomatic of Warwickshire's untidy fielding.

Robinson's second boundary came courtesy of a missed catch by David Hemp on the square leg boundary and, although he top-edged to third man soon after, Tolley sustained the innings with a

resourceful 43.

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The other bowlers benefited from the constraints he imposed. Peter Mason included the wickets of Peter Moore, who held together the lower order to ensure that the ailing innings at least lasted its full course.

With the total on 115 for five after 30 overs, that seemed a fond hope, especially after Darren Shadford removed Keith Newell and Vashert Drakes. Few such alarms hindered Lancashire. Atherton turned a catch to short mid-wicket and John Crawley was taken at the wicket but victory followed inexorably with 5 overs to spare.

Boiling gave Durham a glimmer of hope by taking three wickets in eight balls.

At least Yorkshire did their best to entertain the expectant throng. They soon lost Byas, caught in the gully off Brown, but then White and Lehmann had a session yesterday morning with his bating gait, Graham Gooch, but it was all to no avail. Morris was promptly yorked by Gough, Spight and Booth never got going and only Hutton held up Yorkshire for long. He was eventually stumped for 40 off Fisher, a left-arm spinner deputising for the sick Stern, who went on to take two for 24 on his Sunday debut. Then White hit the stamps four times to achieve his best figures in the competition.

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## CRICKET

# Waugh brothers serve warning for Headingley

By JOHN THICKNESSE

**LORD'S (second day of three): Middlesex won toss; the Australians, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 46 runs ahead of Middlesex**

MARK WAUGH completed his first hundred at Lord's off the final ball of the day as the Australians warmed up for the fourth Test match, starting on Thursday at Headingley, with some calm and stylish batting against Middlesex. Of the specialist batsmen, only Ricky Ponting, a probable replacement for Michael Bevan, failed.

Waugh, who put on 103 for the fourth wicket with Steve, his twin brother, endured a few nasty seconds at 89, when a pulled six just cleared the Middlesex substance on the Tavern boundary. His hundred came in 213 minutes, and he hit a six and 16 fours.

Conditions were perfect for batting on the pitch used for the Benson and Hedges Cup final, and from the moment that Elliott drove Fraser's first ball to within a few feet of the Nursery boundary, the Australians never looked like wobbling.

Middlesex had to hold their catches to revive their winning chance after their slide on Saturday from 241 for three to 305 all out. When, before lunch, Weeks missed Taylor off a sharp one to his left at second slip and Rampakash floored a sitter at extra cover off a miscued drive by Blewett, at 163 for three.

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**Mark Waugh: century**

It was evident that it was not to be.

Neither of the misses was expensive, as it happened, Taylor adding only two and Blewett 24 before they were out in similar fashion, bowled as they tried to sweep the spinners. Taylor's innings was a mixture of strokes of superb timing and placing marred by the odd unexpected error.

Blewett mostly played the spinners down the pitch, confidently as ever. He was a good four yards from base when he drilled an off break from Dutch into the Allen Stand.

To English eyes, Elliott also played unusually well. He had his fourth tour hundred for the taking when, 40 minutes after lunch, he took his normal elegance for violence, and was stumped aiming to hit Dutch into the pavilion. When Blewett followed, Middlesex had a finger-hold again at 163 for three.

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However, the Wauchs were swiftly into their stride with two strokes as sublime as any played all day. Mark clipping Dutch through midwicket and Steve driving Tufnell to the sightscreen. Up until tea they added 80 at one minute, only Tufnell containing them to under three runs an over, despite Rampakash setting defensive fields.

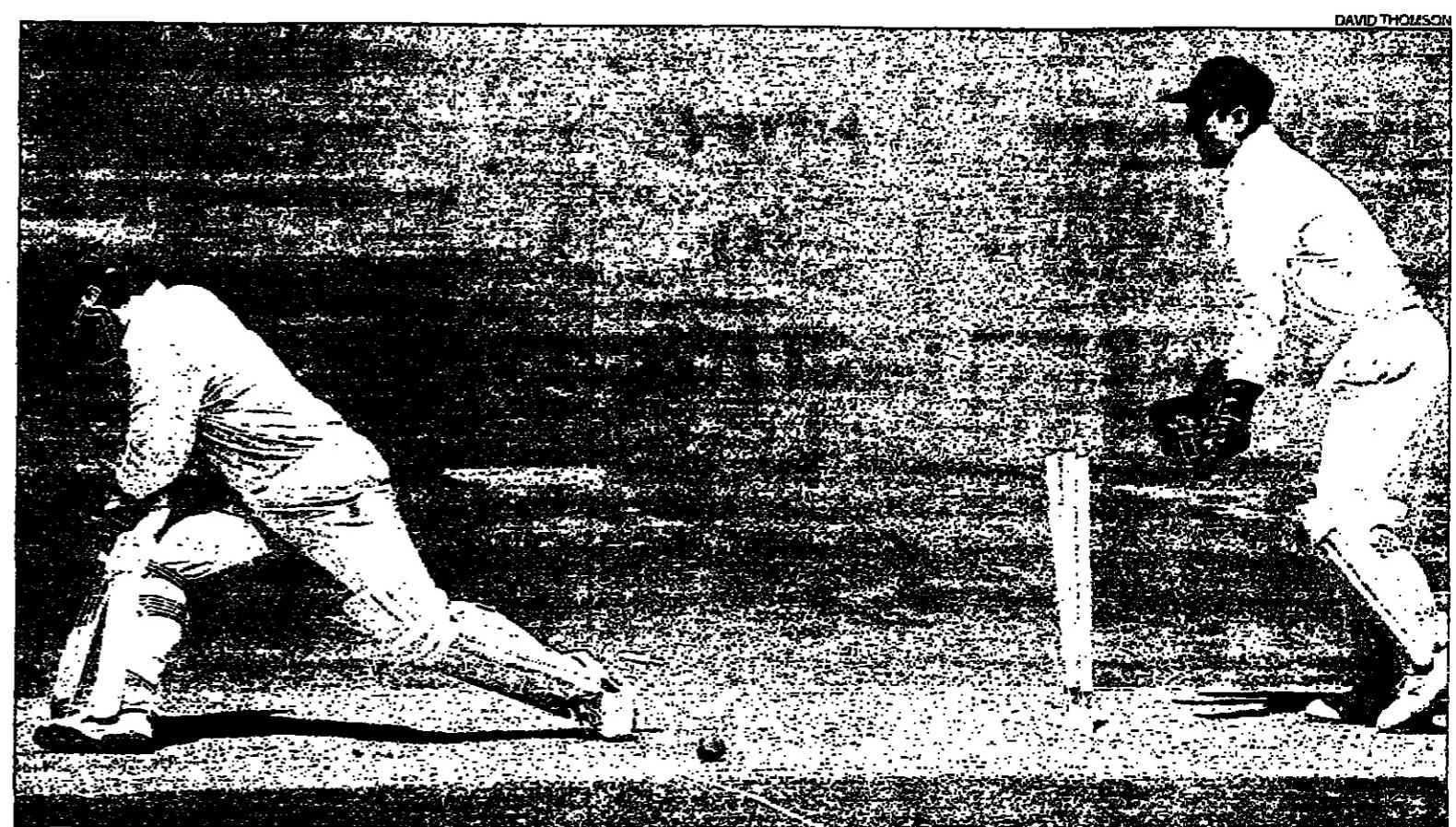
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Taylor, the Australia captain, is bowled by Dutch at Lord's yesterday, but the touring team enjoyed a good day at the crease before the fourth Test

## Healy revels in return of swagger factor

**T**hey cannot coach it, but it wins more Test matches than any other matter in cricket. Call it the Swagger Factor. Few things in life are worse than playing a team of confirmed swaggers, all playing on the very tops of their swaggers.

I took with me the best binoculars that money can buy, binoculars through which I am accustomed to watch for minute signs of the turning of the seasons — winter into spring, dry season into wet — and I can confirm that the turning of the Australian cricket team continues struggle into swagger.

You cannot counteract swagger, though Australians try harder than most. Their artificial swagger convinced nobody when they lost the first Test on top of the one-dayers. At Lord's, in the second Test, as normal service was resumed in the rainy season match that they dominated, the air was of relief rather than triumphalism.

In the third Test, though, that hateful jauntiness was back. Banters was flying thick and fast among the fielders. Everybody was everybody's else's best buddy. They were happy; they meant it to show.

All Saturday, as they fielded against Middlesex, the happiness continued unabated.

They gave out every possible signal of cricketers bang in the middle of what cricketers call a Happy Tour: meaning a victorious one.

They skipped about. They played footy with the cricket ball. They flicked it with their heels and caught it. They cracked it at each other through their legs and behind their backs. They were cricketers in love with themselves, with each other, with victory, and with the pursuit of their swaggers.

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Ian Healy, the Australia wicketkeeper, described losing the post of vice-captain as "a minor personal blow. In good teams, personal goals never get in the way of team goals. You don't mind losing your captaincy to a fantastic captain".

In a game that certainly revolves around individual

confrontations, the wicket-keeper is the specialist team man. Every thing comes through him: the bowlers bowl to him, the fielders throw to him. He is the specialist shooter, like the Vogram guardman in *The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. "I'd better get you both shoved into this airlock and then go and get on with some more bits of shouting I've got to do."

It is essential, in any team looking to swagger, to have a Vogram as wicketkeeper. He must have good soft hands and good hard lungs. Healy

At Lord's

has a fine pair of each — perhaps the best of either in international cricket — and he is the chief swagger, the man around whom the rest of the Australians swagger.

The first essential for a swagging team is a catching wicketkeeper. He must be absolutely, nauseatingly filled with self-belief as to his ability to catch cricket balls. People talk about the sound of leather on willow. Far more frequent in the game is the soft pop of leather into leather: the hard flying ball taken with soft, forgiving gauntlets.

Healy backed up his matchless display of shouting in the last Test with one of the most stunning performances of wicketkeeping ever seen. If the stumping of Butcher from the Bevan full-bunger was the most memorable, two of the catches were even more difficult technically.

One was the bottom edge off Warne to dismiss Thorpe.

The other was the knuckles-on-the-grass catch that dismissed Ealham off McGrath.

Healy had another, not dissimilar, on Saturday to dismiss Rampakash: a catch at once apologised profusely in the way that every wicketkeeper would like to, the way that every Australian wicketkeeper must — "Sorry, Porky."

## Victory beckons young Pakistanis

By IVO TENNANT

**TAUNTON (second day of three): Pakistan A, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 196 runs to beat Somerset**

TO GAIN their first meaningful victory on this seven-week tour of England, Pakistan A must make a further 196 runs today. Without question, they have the talent to do so, assuming that they do not become over-excitable or miss Hassan Raza, who has left for Colombo and the Asia Cup. All wickets are intact, the pitch is taking some spin, but not excessively, and Somerset are without three of their leading bowlers.

When Lathwell was timing the ball uncommodity well in the course of striking 60 of 68 balls, Somerset looked as if they would have quite sufficient runs to be out of their opponents' reach; yet, as on

which he has had to be protected from the new ball. He struck 11 fours, all of them delightful shots, before driving a full toss tame straight to cover.

Ecclestone crashed the ball around for a while, but the spinners proved too much for the rest. Ali Hussain Rivzi took three wickets, mostly bowling leg breaks, but also coming up with the occasional top spinner, and Shoaib Malik, the off spinner, who had the same return, bowled Sutton with one that drifted in from outside off stump.

Even though five of this Pakistan side are still at school, their talents are wonderfully intuitive. It was a pity that the wicketkeeper, Javed Qadeer, felt the need to jabber quite unnecessarily all afternoon.

Although Somerset are fielding four players who are making their debuts, they can still find no room for Trescothick, who made 322 for the second XI last week. As for their bowling, they relied heavily on Shine, who, on a muggy day, bowled for 1½ hours and finished in all with six for 74. It was an heroic effort.

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## BOXING

# Majestic Hamed still waiting to conquer America

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

NASEEM HAMED is almost certainly the best featherweight in the world. He has won two championships belts, of the World Boxing Organisation and International Boxing Federation, and can lift the titles of the other two world organisations without too much bother. Since these babbles do not give boxers anything more than contender status, though, Hamed may have to prove himself in other quarters.

"Any you put in front of me will get beat," he said after disposing of Juan Cabrera, of Argentina, in two rounds at Wembley Arena on Saturday. This would certainly be true were he to meet the other two world champions, Luisito Espinosa, of the Philippines, the World Boxing Association champion, and Wilfredo Vazquez, of Puerto Rico, the World Boxing Council title-holder.

Even if three-quarters of the world is happy to measure Hamed by the yardstick of the self-serving men who preside over these spurious titles, the United States remains sceptical. Hamed must convince Americans of his standing in the world if he wants the money and recognition that they can give him.

To win them over, Hamed may have to beat challengers that American television lines up for him. There is already talk of Hamed, from Sheffield, taking part in a tournament on HBO, the American cable television channel, to find the best featherweight in the world.

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As Alex Wallau, the commentator and analyst for ABC television, which put on the bout between Hamed and Cabrera, said: "No one in the featherweight division can give him a fight. Not Espinosa or Vazquez, especially not Espinosa. If he hits Espinosa like he hit Cabrera, he'll jump right out of the ring. Espinosa has no chin. The only ones who can give him a fight are Junior Jones and Marco Barrera moving up."

A "major announcement" will be made next week, Frank Warren, Hamed's promoter, said. With a bit of luck it may have something to do with Hamed boxing in the United States or here against opponents chosen by American television.

Hamed made his first appearance on American national television on Saturday when ABC showed the contest on *Wide World of Sport*. It is thought that around eight million viewers saw him. Because of other summer interests, it was nowhere near the full exposure that free television can usually provide, but it was certainly better than the viewing figures that cable outlets achieve.

American reactions were not immediately available. Hamed smashed Cabrera round the ring for two rounds and forced the referee to call a halt to the bout. It is unlikely, however, that American boxing followers were too impressed, for Cabrera was not a true world contender. He was no more than a club fighter.

"A lot of people will look at him and say [Hector] Camacho, but this kid has a lot more. Camacho is not macho. He's not safety-first guy. This kid is not safety-first. If he didn't fight, he would really be boring."

Wallau said that Hamed was not yet ready to top bills in the United States and that he needed more exposure. "His fights must be competitive and sellable," he said. "He needs time to establish himself. He can't just walk in off one fight."

The best bout of the night was between Kevin Luesching, of Beckenham, the British welterweight champion, and Geoff McCreech, of Bracknell. It was a fight all the way, with McCreech gradually taking control. He floored Luesching in the fourth and the referee stopped the fight in the tenth.

The British super-middleweight championship bout between David Starie, of Ipswich, and Dean Francis, from Basingstoke, was a disappointment. Starie hardly put up a fight and Francis put him down in the fifth before the referee stepped in.

Hamed celebrates after his second-round victory



Ralph has smooth water ahead in the butterfly leg as she races to victory in the 200 metres individual medley

## Smith proves fitness in style

By CRAIG LORD

GRAEME SMITH will go to the European swimming championships in Seville next month brimming with confidence after a superb performance on the final day of the ASA national championships at Crystal Palace.

Smith, 21, who will be challenging for the European 1500 metres freestyle crown, clinched his first national long-course 400 metres title yesterday in 3min 55.86sec, almost two seconds inside his previous best time when racing untested from heavy rain.

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I'm really happy with that," Smith, who won a 1500 metres bronze medal at the Olympic Games last year, said. He had every right to be, for, after turning at the 300 metres mark in line with Ian Wilson and Jamie Salter,

his Great Britain team-mates, he drove away from them with Ferrari-like acceleration. Clearly, he has never been so fit.

Smith, born in Falkirk and raised in Stockport, where he has been trained since he was a small boy by Dave Calleja, is clear about his ambition. "It's the winning that counts in Seville," he said. "The bonus will be if I can get under the 15 minutes mark."

He will not want for motivation, either. As if chasing a championship was not enough, Smith expressed disappointment yesterday that he had received less in grants from the National Lottery than some swimmers who were ranked outside the top 20 in the world. "It should be performance-related, but they're working on some kind of points system instead of the world rankings," he said.

Smith's thunder might have been stolen in turn two races earlier by Stephen Parry, of Liverpool, who, on Saturday, had added the 200 metres butterfly national title to the 100 metres prize won on Thursday. However, he found the going a bit tougher

said. He argued that it sent the wrong signal to young swimmers to show that you could win an Olympic medal and still be less financially rewarded than others.

Yet Smith's display was upstaged by Richard Maden, of Rochdale Aquabeans. Maden had already won the 50 metres and 100 metres breaststroke titles and, in adding the 200 metres in 2min 18.85sec, he became the first swimmer to win long-course titles over all three distances on one stroke. His efforts earned him the Bill Bub Trophy.

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over 50 metres, finishing third to David Jones, of Ealing, and James Hickman, of Stockport.

Susan Ralph, of Newcastle, preferring to concentrate her efforts on Seville, had not wanted to compete in the championships, but, having been pressed to do so, said yesterday that she was glad that she was at Crystal Palace. After winning the 200 metres individual medley, Ralph, 18, said: "That felt great. It just helps a bit to know where you are with fitness and speed."

The last word went yet again to the respected Kathy Oster, of Ealing. At 28, she was one of the most experienced swimmers at the championships and, yesterday, collected a record 26th national long-course backstroke title in winning the 50 metres. She won her first in 1984.

## ROWING

## Searle races away to set another record

BY A CORRESPONDENT

GREG SEARLE, who eclipsed the 14-year-old British sculling record, set by Steve Redgrave, by nine seconds on Saturday, went even better in the single sculls final in Nottingham yesterday, when he shaved a further two seconds off his record-winning time of 6min 53sec.

There was less of a tail wind this time, but Searle still went out determined to achieve a new mark. He will now concentrate on his preparations for the world championships, in France, in September.

The NCRU/Newcastle University coxed four, who were narrowly beaten at Henley Royal Regatta and had been representing Great Britain in the World Cup regattas earlier in the year, won their event and can now face further trials for the senior team next month with renewed confidence.

Several crews whose selection was announced last week for the junior, under-23 and Coupe de la Jeunesse teams, were in action yesterday.

In the men's quadruple sculls, the two composites selected for the Nation's Cup (under-23) next week and the world junior championships in August battled it out all the way to the line. The under-23s secured victory and, in the process, lowered the record by four seconds to below six minutes.

In the last race of the championships, the men's eight, Nottingham Boat Club, the winners of the Thames Cup at Henley, came head to head with the selected Nation's Cup eight, who had broken the record in their heat on Saturday. The under-26s had a slight lead after 500 metres, but the local crew had planned the race well and took over the lead at the halfway point and held a one-length advantage for the remainder of the race.

**WINNERS:** Men's Eight: Nottingham BC. Coxed Four: Notes County/North Unite. Coxless Pair: Quayside/Tower. Coxless Pairs: Imperial. Quad Sculls: Notes. Double Sculls: Oxford UBC/Peterborough/Tower. Coxless Four: The Blues. Single Sculls: Single sculler McAlley (G Seade). Under-23 Sculls: Nottingham and Union. Light Double Sculls: Union. Heavy Double Sculls: Union. Notes: County/London. Coxless pairs: Marlow A. Quad sculls: Walton. Double sculls: Tideaway. Scullers: Single sculler: Peterborough. Under-26 Eight: Imperial. Coxed Four: Tideaway. Coxless Four: Imperial. Coxless Pairs: Imperial. Coxless Four: Tideaway. Coxless Pairs: Imperial. Coxless Four: Tideaway. Coxless Pairs: Edinburgh University of London. Quad sculls: Thames B. Double sculls: Oxford. Under-23 Double sculls: Harford/Hartlepool/Gospe. Water's Col. Coxed fours: Henley. Coxless pairs: Christies Headington. Cox: Quad sculls: Christies Headington. Coxed Four: Henley. Coxless Pairs: Double sculls: Kingston GSG. George Wat's Col. Single sculls: Henley B.



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## SAILING

## Bridesmaids savour rare taste of victory

BY TONY HOARE

JOHN MERRICKS and Jan Walker, the Olympic silver medal-winnings, won the Glenfiddich Melges 24 UK class national championships at Weymouth yesterday.

Merricks and Walker, who contested five top regattas last year and finished second in every one, were thrilled at their success with *Bridesmaids No Longer*.

Merricks said: "With more than 30 boats with professional crews fighting to win, the competition was tight, but it feels good to win at last. We have thoroughly enjoyed our three days in Weymouth and

are now looking forwards to competing for the Admiral's Cup at Cowes."

*Wicked Feet*, skippered by Art Brereton, of the United States, lost the overnight lead to finish overall second, but led diminished in light weather conditions on the final day and a false start to the eighth race meant that there was little chance of recovery.

*Must Go*, skippered by Keith Musto, finished third. *Glenfiddich 1*, skippered by Kevin Sprout, won the seventh and eighth races, but the endeavour were too late and they finished fourth overall.

Taking the points from Oxford, who also have designs on league honours, gave Reading immense satisfaction. The clubs have not been on the best of terms since a Reading appeal early in the season deprived Oxford of an away win at Smallmead in the Premier League Cup.

The ten-match opening winning streak makes Reading

favourites for the Premier League title. They won league titles in 1990 and two of their riders gained places on the world championship podium.

Per Jonsson took the title and Todd Wilshire came third. A further league title was added in 1992.

Tragedy struck two years later when Jonsson was killed in a crash at a Polish track. Without their main attraction, Reading opted to compete in the Premier League rather than the new Elite League, but they have lived up to their illustrious status at that level.

Reading will attempt to add cup success to their league

challenge when they meet Edinburgh in the semi-final second leg at Smallmead tonight.

They are chasing a 12-point deficit from the first leg, in Edinburgh last month. Edinburgh are a powerful outfit, but Reading have a strong incentive to beat them — a final against Oxford.

Meanwhile, troubled Skegness look to have ridden their last Premier League match. The club's projected move to Ryde on the Isle of Wight, broke down when a "test run" meeting there failed to attract a large enough crowd.

Peter Oakes, the Skegness promoter, turned his

attention to a third holiday resort, St Austell, but the newly-formed amateur league club, which has drawn impressive crowds, turned Oakes down, after an impromptu straw poll of supporters at their match against a combined Ipswich and Kings Lynn side last Tuesday.

Oakes clung to hopes of a "last-minute rescue package" at the weekend, but conceded that Skegness were likely to have ridden their last meeting. Vince Moody, the Skegness stadium owner, said that he had not given up on speedway and was considering other offers for racing at the venue.

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Searle sets away record

# RUGBY UNION

## Springboks swept away by intensity of New Zealand

**South Africa** ..... 32  
**New Zealand** ..... 35

FROM MARK SOISTER  
IN JOHANNESBURG

THERE is a danger that the surfet of internationals that are now being played around the globe, and the ludicrous, contrived schedules and competitions being forced upon players (and, for that matter, the public), all in the name of professionalism, will lead to overkill in the sport.

Indeed, for the first time in living memory, Ellis Park was not full for an international between South Africa and New Zealand, an indication perhaps that even the rugby zealots here can have too much of a good thing. However, those who stayed away were, as John Hart, the All Blacks coach, said, the losers, for it is difficult to imagine how international rugby could get any better than this.

"An epic... a special game from special teams," Hart said. "There is no competition like South Africa-New Zealand and I don't think there ever will be. The tri-series is a special competition; people never get sick of it, how could you get sick of that? It was awesome."

Hart did, however, acknowledge one aspect of the competition's failings — the debilitating schedule that

means that his side, who are nursing several injured players, among them Sean Fitzpatrick, the captain, with a strained knee, have to travel to Australia today in preparation for their next match in the tournament, in Melbourne this weekend.

Their win on Saturday, and the five points that they earned for that, will make the journey more bearable. Especially so

Australia have recalled Michael Brial at No 8 for the tri-series match with New Zealand this Saturday. In all, Australia have made eight changes — five in the forwards — from the XV that played the All Blacks in the one-off Bledisloe Cup game just over two weeks ago.

AUSTRALIA: M. Burse, J. Ratt, J. Little, J. Hobson, B. Tunks, T. Horan, G. Gregor, R. Hodge, M. Smith, A. H. Williams (captain), B. Robinson, M. Brial, D. Manu

since, after half an hour, New Zealand, in the face of a Springbok hurricane and an inspired performance by the South Africa pack, were starting into an abyss. They trailed 23-7 and were under huge pressure, having turned over possession on four occasions. Yet they rode their luck and clinically took advantage of South Africa's mistakes to secure a victory that sees them move ahead 23-22 in the overall series between the two

DAVID ROGERS / ALLSPORT



Buncle leaves Van Schalkwyk in his wake en route to scoring his second try at Ellis Park on Saturday

### Davies ensures a fitting finale

**Canada** ..... 25  
**Wales** ..... 28

BY A CORRESPONDENT

WALES ended their North American tour in Toronto on Saturday with a sixth consecutive win in a match that they could well have lost. Canada dominated much of the contest, using their big forwards to good effect, but resilience was Wales' watchword, epitomised by Leigh Davies' barrelrolling run that saw him score the winning try with nine minutes remaining.

In front of more than 5,000 spectators, Canada had thought that a second victory, to follow their epic win at Cardiff Arms Park in 1993,

was on the cards when Mike Schmid went over for a try that Gareth Rees converted to give his team a four-point lead with about 15 minutes left, but they reckoned without Davies.

Davies, the Cardiff centre, had a disappointing domestic season, falling behind Scott Gibbs and Allan Bateman, the two British Isles centres, in the national pecking order, but his strong run, breaking through a tackle by David Lougheed, was typical of his displays on this tour.

In summation of the tour, Terry Cobner, the national technical director, said: "Bearing in mind that this was a developmental tour for us, several young players really came on. I was pleased with the commitment and the de-

fence, but I was disappointed that we were unable to put our own stamp of authority on the proceedings."

SCORERS: Canada: Tries: Schmid (2), Rees; Conversions: De Beer (2); Penalty goals: De Beer (4). Dropped goals: De Beer (1). Wales: Tries: Davies (2), Wilson, Spencer; Conversions: Spencer (3), Penalty goals: Spencer (3).

SOUTH AFRICA: P. Bennett (Borden); A. Snyman (Northern Transvaal); P. Montjane (Free State); C. Botha (Western Transvaal); P. Botha (Northern Transvaal); R. Kruger (Northern Transvaal); J. Fourie (Northern Transvaal); A. Verster (Free State); G. Teichmann (Natal); Bennett replaced by J. Small (Western Province); M. Steyn (Northern Transvaal); R. Heerden (Western Province); Du Randt (Free State); N. Drotts (Free State); M. Hurse (Northern Transvaal); R. Kruger (Northern Transvaal); A. Verster (Free State); G. Teichmann (Natal); Bennett replaced by J. Small (Western Province); M. Steyn (Northern Transvaal); R. Heerden (Western Province); Du Randt (Free State); N. Drotts (Free State); M. Hurse (Northern Transvaal); R. Kruger (Northern Transvaal); A. Verster (Free State); G. Teichmann (Natal); Bennett replaced by J. Small (Western Province); M. Steyn (Northern Transvaal); R. Heerden (Western Province); Du Randt (Free State); N. Drotts (Free State); M. Hurse (Northern Transvaal); R. 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TRIATHLON: MIDDLE-DISTANCE FAVOURITES PROVE TOO HOT FOR THE OPPosition

# Iron will carries Hobson to fifth title

By DAVID POWELL

**IRONBRIDGE** has not always been known for people surviving the course. When work began on building the world's first cast iron bridge over the River Severn, near Coalbrookdale, 220 years ago, it was a project that neither Thomas Pritchard, the designer, nor "Iron Mad" Wilkinson, who provided most of the money, would see completed.

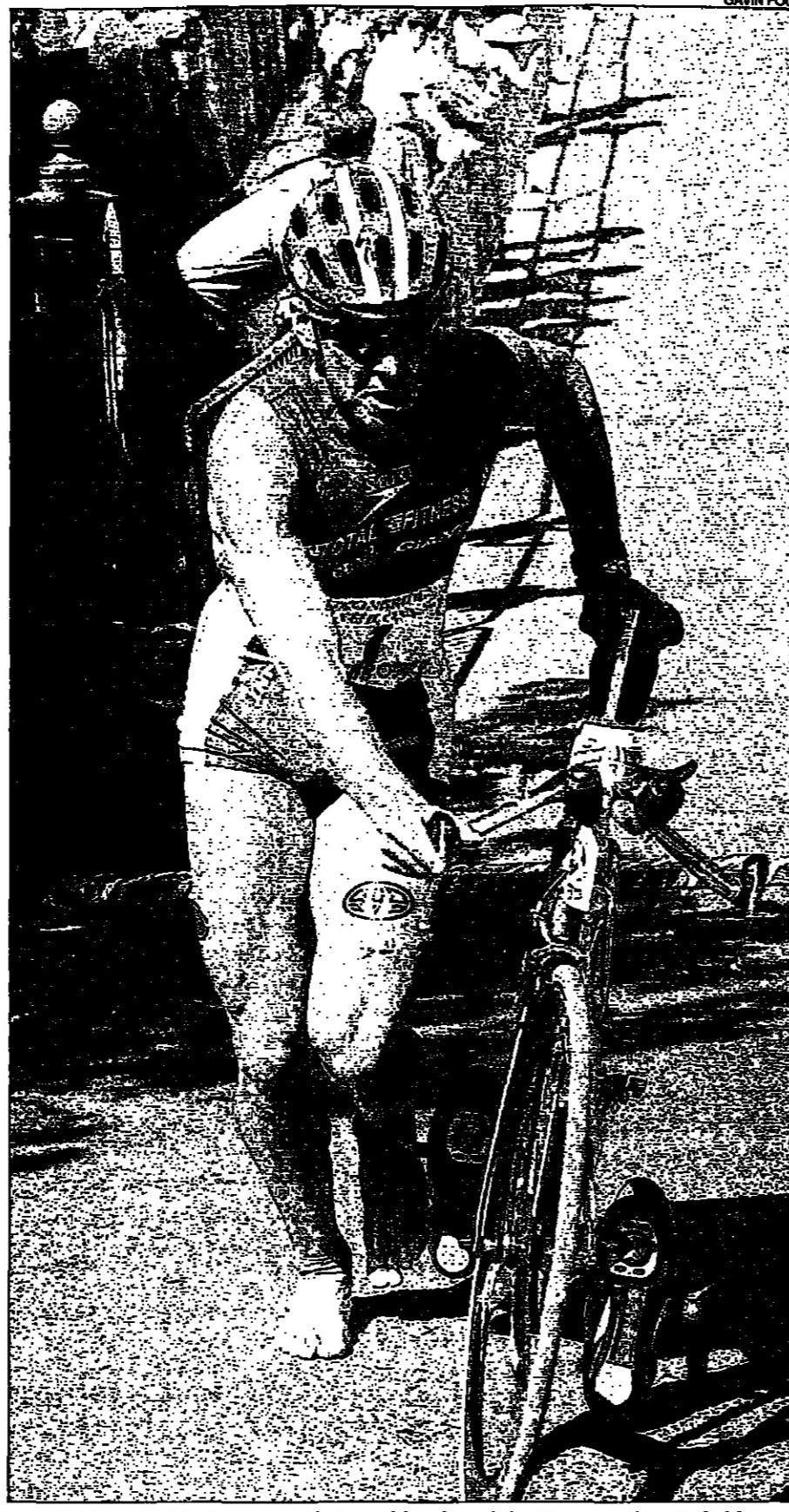
Pritchard died soon after work started and Wilkinson, an eccentric millionaire, obsessed with finding as many new uses for iron as possible, quickly lost interest and sold his shares. An iron will, and an ability to survive, were prerequisites on Saturday when sport made its now annual pilgrimage on to the bridge.

Results ..... 40

Each year since 1994, Ironbridge has hosted the British middle-distance triathlon championships and again on Saturday, just like last year, temperatures soared well above those comfortable for a riverside stroll let alone a 2,700-metre swim, 90-kilometre ride and 21-kilometre run.

It is called middle distance because the course is further than a sprint or Olympic distance, shorter than long distance, or Ironman-length, but, to anybody watching, it seemed a long, long way.

An Ironman was put on at Ironbridge once, but the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile ride and 26-mile run proved less than popular and it was just as well, this day, that competitors were being asked to cover approximately only half that distance. That and the relatively small matter of 55 steps that they had to climb while pulling off their wetsuits between emerging from the Sev-



Hobson wastes no time on the transition from bike to run on the Ironbridge

rettes a day, but I got fed up with sitting in an office. She took up swimming, met some triathletes and, by 1995, had won her first British title.

Now she's 21, she earns £20,000 a year from sponsorship alone and is a full-time professional

with a soft heart. Why do Ironbridge when the top prize is £350? "I was not going to come until a week ago, because I have a lot of European races coming up, but Phil Templar [the race director] sent me a fax and said it

would not be the same without me. So I came."

She flew in on Thursday, returning today, leaving little time to see old friends. "Got to get back to training," she said, acknowledging that regular training with Smith, the European champion, had rubbed off: "It does me a lot of good seeing his commitment."

Emerson, who recorded 4hr 50min 32sec, was delighted to have improved her personal best by three minutes. She was not impressed, though, as she stood on the bridge which marked the birthplace of the industrial revolution, at the speed of change in triathlon.

She criticised the lack of encouragement given to British women in sport, the failure of the police to close the roads for the race and the lack of financial support which she needs urgently if she is to qualify for the Olympic Games in 2000. Qualification is through the World Cup, for which she must pay her own expenses, costing some £8,000 a year. Iron is not enough these days. Britain demands gold from its sportsmen and women.

## RFU must take heed

From Mr Jim Hamilton

Sir, Michael Henderson's report brought no credit to your newspaper.

Further investigation would show an extremely loyal and caring team of lads who, together with the Surrey County Cricket Club management, have been exceptionally kind and supportive to my family since the tragic loss of our youngest son, Graham, on New Year's Day following a Christmas Eve.

Even amid the euphoria of winning the Benson and Hedges Cup at Lord's last Saturday, they did not forget their former team-mate, the captain, Adam Hollis, immediately dedicated the cup to him in loving memory.

Yours faithfully,  
DON KERSEY,  
43 Haslemere Road,  
Bexleyheath, Kent.

From Mr R. Chan  
Sir, If Michael Henderson wishes to see why the Surrey

players behave as they do, I suggest he attend any Surrey Championship game. There he will observe an abundance of the loud, ill-mannered behaviour he refers to.

As perhaps their first taste of "adult" cricket in this league during their formative years, the reason for their present manner is only too obvious.

Yours faithfully,  
R. CHAN,  
7 Westfleigh Avenue, SW15.

From Mr G. N. Rutherford

Sir, Michael Henderson might, equally, have remarked on a match played largely without the drunken chanting etc. afflicting so much modern cricket.

Not everyone hates Surrey; some travel the length of the country to see them.

Yours etc.,  
G. N. RUTHERFORD,  
28 Thongrove Crescent,  
Aberdeen.

around the track, together with the tremendous loyalty, devotion and support for the British drivers and the shared jubilation from Hill's result, while not forgetting the appeal to the 250 million audience worldwide, was a joy to be part of.

May I suggest that Ms Truss's comments are way off track and best confined to the pits.

Yours sincerely,  
IRVINE MARR,  
56 King Henry's Road,  
Primrose Hill, NW3.

As recently as 1992, the Maleeva sisters (Manuela, Katerina and Magdalena) all contested the singles in the same year and I would guess that the brothers Baddiley, Doherty and Renshaw provide a good starting point when looking for three brothers who competed at Wimbledon when Arantxa, the most famous of the Sanchez siblings, reached the final of the women's singles after her brothers, Emilio and Javier, had been eliminated in the first round of the men's event.

Yours faithfully,  
KEITH JOLLIFFE,  
416 Whitton Avenue East,  
Greenford,  
Middlesex.

## SPORTS LETTERS

### Surrey's behaviour rouses fierce passions

From Mr Michael Wentzell  
Sir, Michael Henderson, writing on the Benson and Hedges Cup final (July 14), had a strong dig at Chris Lewis.

Lewis bowled exceptionally well, as his figures of 103-39-3 prove. Just because he showed some aggression on the field and wore his cap back to front, he was compared to a gangster and an idiot.

I see nothing wrong in coming down the wicket to give the opposing batsman a stare and maybe a bit of verbal. It seems to work all right for Glenn McGrath, of Australia. As for the remark about the cap, if Henderson hasn't realised many of the youth of today wear caps back to front (including myself), they must all be idiots as well.

When journalists write about Chris Lewis, they fail to mention the amount of time he spends with younger cricket fans. At the Oval I have never seen him turn away a youngster seeking autographs and I have been told of him having a knock-up game on the outfield at Leicester with others.

Lewis is an outstanding player and a superb ambassador for the game. Henderson can write what he likes, but, when it comes to the crunch, there is nobody I would rather see bowling the last over or facing the last ball to win a game than Chris Lewis.

Yours faithfully,  
MIKE WENTZELL,  
5 Haling Road,  
Croydon, Surrey.  
*michael.wentzell@virgin.net*

From Mr John White  
Sir, As a saddened member of Surrey, I agree with Michael Henderson's criticism of the behaviour of some of the team on the balcony after the Benson and Hedges final — exacerbated, I suggest, by their rejection of the once-revered county cap in favour of a sponsor's colour and emblem. Yours etc.,  
JOHN WHITE,  
14 Lancaster Avenue,  
Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire.

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# Fiorentina gamble on Edmundo 'the animal'

Transfers in turmoil. Can Juventus really succeed in buying back Fabrizio Ravanelli from Middlesbrough, selling him on to Borussia Dortmund and getting Jorg Heineck, the left back, in exchange?

Last week, moreover, it was reported that AC Milan were ready to accept Chelsea's £9 million offer for Paolo Maldini, their famous left back, only for the player and Silvio Berlusconi, the club's owner, to block the deal.

Meanwhile, Edmundo, a Brazilian otherwise known as "the animal", is going to Florence. Regardless of his frightening reputation, Fiorentina have agreed to buy him from Vasco da Gama Rio, who will keep him until December. He will join Fiorentina either then or next season.

Edmundo, 26, is a striker in every sense of the word. His latest punch connected with a Bolivian in the final of the recent Copa America. The referee did not see it, but Mario Zagallo, the Brazil manager, did and quickly took off Edmundo. He had scored Brazil's first goal, from a blantly offside position.

His arrival is something for Malesani, Fiorentina's inexperienced new manager, to look forward to. Perhaps Vittorio Cecchi Gori, the club's president and son of a famous film producer, feels that he can domesticate Edmundo, although nobody has done it so far. It was Cecchi Gori's boast that once, when he was sent off in a match, he set about both referee and linesmen, reducing them to tears.

Edmundo's temper rivals his outstanding talents. Edmundo Alves de Souza Neto, to give him his full name, was born in a poor quarter of Rio and actually began his career with Vasco. Then he moved to Palmeiras, of São Paulo, in

BRIAN GLANVILLE



Overseas View

spiring them to several titles, but he constantly quarrelled with Wanderer Luxemburgo, the manager, his team-mates and opponents.

He was sold to Flamengo, Rio's favourite team, where he was expected to form a devastating trio with Romario and Savio, but somehow it never took wing.

Violence proliferated. In March 1995, playing in Ecuador, he took a kick at a television camera man, destroying his apparatus and injuring his leg. He was confined to his hotel under house arrest for a week.

Soon afterwards, playing in a packed Maracana Stadium in a derby against Vasco, his old club, he celebrated a goal by showing his genitals to Vasco supporters. The next December he was involved in a motor accident in which three people died, two of them his passengers.

Then he joined Corinthians, of São Paulo, punched two defenders inside a month and quarrelled with a team-mate. Last August he returned to Vasco, which he calls his true home. Whether Florence will be home from home, we shall see.

## Lombardo keen on Palace

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ATTILIO LOMBARDO

may well complete his move to Crystal Palace today and become the latest high-profile Italian import to the FA Carling Premiership. Palace have agreed a £2.1 million fee with Juventus for Lombardo, a 31-year-old player.

Lombardo arrived in England yesterday to discuss terms and have a medical at Selhurst Park. After a season interrupted by injury, during which he almost joined Sheffield Wednesday, Lombardo returned to perform impressively in the closing weeks and earn a recall to the Italy squad for the Tournoi de France last month.

Renewed interest from Tottenham Hotspur and a probable £6 million bid from Everton mean that Les Ferdinand, the England striker, may be leaving Newcastle United this week. Ferdinand is reluctant to leave St James' Park, but an offer in that region may be difficult for Newcastle to refuse for a player who is 30.

Kenny

Dalglish,

Newcastle manager, would not be drawn on the speculation, but did talk about Ferdinand's

partnership with Alan Shearer. "I'm hoping that they'll pick up where they left off last season," he said.

Ferdinand played in the 3-2 victory over Birmingham City at St Andrew's on Saturday and threw his shirt to the visiting supporters at the end in what was interpreted as a farewell gesture.

"Newcastle chairman Sir John Hall said I wasn't going anywhere and the first thing I thought when I heard that was 'was I was on my way,'" he said. "There's no point me saying whether I want to stay or go because my opinion doesn't count. When the man at the top says something like that, it usually means you're about to be sold. I'm in limbo. I know a lot of fans won't be happy if I go, and, if I end up somewhere else, I'm sure questions will be asked — but questions for someone else to answer."

Middlesbrough are still hopeful of reviving Fabrizio Ravanelli's move to Everton, which collapsed last week, but that seems unlikely after an attack on Everton by Pino Pagliari, Ravanelli's agent.

"We're never once met Peter Johnson [the Everton chairman] in negotiations," Pagliari said. "Then, when things go wrong, the club try to put the blame on the player. That's what they want their fans to believe."

"We're sorry for the fans and Howard Kendall. We have absolutely no problem with him, but there are other people at the club who didn't take this move seriously."

A headed goal from Jordi Cruyff in the 76th minute gave Manchester United a 1-0 win over South China, the Hong Kong club.

Lombardo: fee agreed

## MOTORCYCLING

### Doohan exorcises his Nurburgring demons

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE nightmares experienced by Michael Doohan, the world champion, at Nurburgring ended with a stylish win in the German 500cc Grand Prix yesterday, his sixth consecutive success of the season.

Doohan, from Australia, pulled clear of Tadayuki Okada, of Japan, his Honda team-mate, on the twelfth lap and went on to victory on a circuit that has often brought him bad luck in the past.

"This has never been a favourite place of mine and that makes winning here even nicer," Doohan said after winning his eighth race out of nine this season.

Okada had to settle for second place ahead of Takuma Aoki, his compatriot, also on a Honda.

Doohan's win allowed him to extend his already almost invincible lead at the top of the world championship standings. He now has 220 points, 107 more than Nobuatsu Aoki, who came fourth yesterday.

With six races remaining, Doohan, the winner of the past three world championships, looks ideally placed to become only the third rider to take four 500cc titles in succession.

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All together now: in the Ribble Valley 60 teams from British companies took part in the four-day Mitel Challengers Trophy, a series of mental and physical tests from orienteering and mountain-biking to abseiling and mind games

## The duck that kept us foxed

**T**he plastic duck floated about in the middle of the lake. We stood on the shore and faced a fruity old dilemma. With three logs, a bit of rope and the summary brain-power of four people we had to retrieve the duck, but none of the materials or people were allowed to touch the water.

Our task was part of this year's Mitel Challengers Trophy, a gathering of 60 or so teams from British companies which compete over four days in a series of mental and physical tests. These are as varied as orienteering, mountain-biking and abseiling; there are cryptic clues and mind-games, and even a variation on a theme of Jenga (the pub game in which you pull out blocks without making the tower collapse).

This year the event was held in the magnificent grounds of Stonyhurst College, a Roman Catholic public school in the Ribble Valley, Lancashire. I joined the Charity Team, made up of employees of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, this year's beneficiary, for which the competitors were raising money.

The team was made up of Rebecca, the captain, who is partially sighted, having contracted glaucoma at an unexpectedly early age; Alex, later to be poised precariously over a certain lake on a contraption of logs and bits of string, fingers outstretched towards a yellow duck; and a quiet, contemplative fellow called Josh. Victor Ubogu was in attendance but unfortunately couldn't join in because he was suffering from a groin injury (sustained during one of his bimonthly fitness tests at Bath rugby club).

At first, I was slightly bogged by all the activity. Teams of four, dressed in brightly coloured suits that were cinched at the waist, were zooming about purposefully, racing from one clue to the next with breathless, unconscious enthusiasm.

It would be easy to take the mickey. The competitors were hardly the hard men, or



own transport: take one boat, run to the reservoir and row women of sport. But they clearly enjoyed the physical and mental combination that the Challenge offers and this is the big event of the year.

The event has been going for eight years. It grew in parallel with the increase in team-building and management training courses (the weekends away in which you ... well, use logs and bits of string to cross rivers without getting wet) and it sets these activities in a competitive framework. There are eight "stages" over the three or four days. The Mitel Challenge sells itself as a business event and quite a few of Britain's largest blue-chip companies take part. Companies see a certain cachet in taking part.

For all the team-building aspects of the event (and most of the senior executives felt it benefited their employees), the competitors are there because they enjoy taking part. "It's nice to get out of the office for a few days and to be paid to do this," said a member of the Tetrapak team, who came a creditable 15th. A fair few teams are there to win.

The Challenge differs from other events in that it is not purely physical, like a triathlon. Fitness is clearly important, but there is an extra dimension which tests mental agility and it is equally important to be a quick thinker to be able to solve the puzzles and dilemmas thrown at you along the way. Unlike so many multi-discipline events, which are becoming ever longer and more demanding (marathons turn into ultramarathons and triathlons into Ironmans), the organisers have kept it at a level suitable for all comers.

"We try to set a course which

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is demanding enough to put people under pressure, but which is achievable for the majority of entrants. And, of course, we want to maintain interest so that they have fun at the same time," Philip Pearce, the course designer, said.

That is not to say that the competition isn't keen. I saw no slackening off in the later stages when people were struggling around the July sun around an orienteering course with a difference (there is a complicated system of bonus checkpoints) and then an "Estimation Stage" in the hills of the Forest of Bowland, in which teams had to state their finish time in advance. Woe betide anyone who didn't make it — this would add huge penalties to their eventual time. The last three stages were a night navigation exercise with catapult construction, a bridge-build stage, and a run, paddle and assault course to the finish line.

Experience is also important and the most successful teams use their strengths to best advantage: navigation is given to one person, problem-solving to another. Suddenly you see team-building in action: delegation and efficient allocation of resources.

doing well for a while, but slipped down the order when they had a problem in the orienteering stage.

The eventual winners were the Orange Roamers, one of three teams from Orange, the telecom company. Mark Evans, the project office manager, co-ordinated the sides. "The team put in a lot of training as individuals and then got together at weekends so they were fit, fast and they believed in themselves. Going into the final stage they were half a minute behind, but they gave it everything they had and they came out 32 seconds ahead," he said.

In the end I think that the RNIB were pleased not to come last, which the charity team often does. They were also very pleased to receive £172,000, raised by the competitors. But to Alex's disappointment, on the problem of the yellow duck, we didn't do so well. Whoops. Splash!



Last gasp: in the final stages of the event, contestants take part in an assault course

### SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

How do you think the following two hands should be bid, playing a weak No-Trump, with West the dealer?

N	W	E	S
♦KJ54	♦A982		
♦653	♦43		
♦A85	♦K109854		
♦A7			

According to Tom Townsend, world junior champion and author of a handbook called *Practise Your Stayman*, the bidding should go:

S	W	N	E
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 C
All Pass	2 S		4 S

Had West rebid Two Diamonds or Two Hearts, East would have signed off in a safe Three Clubs. When West bids Two Spades East is right to raise full-bloodedly to game. Inviting with Three Spades would be futile: West's fitting black-suit honours and red-suited controls will decide whether game is playable, not whether his point-count happens to be a minimum or a maximum. Here West turns up with just the right 12-count.

This handbook is one in the new Bridge Plus Practise Series. Other titles include *Practise Your... Crowhurst Two Clubs, Negative Doubles, Roman Key-Card Blackwood, Transfer Bidding and Weak Twos*. There are six more titles in preparation, four on bidding, one on declarer play and one on opening leads. Clearly geared especially for the duplicate market, the series offers players at all levels the opportunity to learn how top-class players handle useful conventions and to practise them with their partners. Each 16-page booklet consists of an introduction explaining how the convention works, 24 East-West practice hands to bid with partner, and finally the correct bidding sequences with full explanations.

All titles can be obtained from Bridge Plus, PO Box 384, Reading RG1 5YP; tel/fax 01895 1052 at £3.50 each; two copies of the same titles can be had for £5; one copy of each of the six titles £1.50.

□ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

### WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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- b. A Sultana's handmaiden
- c. A sort of stew

- SOLWY
- a. A sun-worshipping cult
- b. A fisherman's jacket
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- b. Persuasive
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### KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Sicilian Defence

1 e4 c5

2 Nf3 d6

3 d4 cxd4

4 Nxd4 Nf6

5 Nc3 a6

6 Bg5 e6

7 f4 Qd6

8 Bd6 Qd5

9 Qd2 Nc6

10 0-0-0 Bd7

11 Kb1 h5

12 Bc4 0-0-0

13 Nbc6 Qc6

14 Bb3 Kd8

15 Rf1 Qc5

16 Qd3 h4

17 Ch3 Be7

18 Qe5 Rde8

19 Rd1 Bf8

20 Nf2 Rh6

21 Nf4 Bxg5

22 a3 Nc3

23 Nf3 Bxf6

24 c3 Qd6

25 Le6 Bxg7

26 d4 Bg5

27 Bxe6 Re7

28 Bd5 Re8

29 Rd1 Qa4

30 Rg3 Rg8

31 Rg3 Qd4

32 Kf2 Qe4

33 Rf3 f5

34 Rf4 Qd1

35 Rf4 Qe1

36 Rf4 a5

37 Rf4 Rc1

38 Qd5 Rf1

39 Qd4 Rf1+

40 Qd4 Rf1+

41 Kb3 Rf1+

42 Rf6 Black resigns

□ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

### WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Donev — Florimont, Switzerland 1997.

Can you see how White now made a key breakthrough and exposed weaknesses in the black position?

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### HOW TO TAKE PART

THE Mitel Challengers Trophy will be held next year from June 4 to 7 at Barton Hall near Dartmoor. Challenger UK, the organisers, can be contacted on 0171-559 2849 or faxed on 0171-559 2849. Next year's charity is the Cancer Research Campaign.

Challenger UK and other companies arrange events within companies or within business sectors, ranging from family-oriented *It's a Knock Out* days to more demanding events such as the Mitel Challenge. Other open events include The Team Power Challenge (June), the Extreme Challenge (July) and the Women's Challenge (October). The contact telephone number for these events is 01750 22661.

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RACING: ITALIAN WAITS TO HEAR WHETHER HE WILL PARTNER SHANTOU OR SINGSPIEL AT ASCOT

By RICHARD EVANS  
RACING CORRESPONDENT

AS FRANKIE DETTORI walked up the aisle to be married at Newmarket yesterday, he found himself at the centre of a tug of war for his services in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot on Saturday.

John Gosden, trainer of the Sheikh Mohammed-owned Shantou, announced on Friday that Dettori would partner last year's St Leger winner in the 12-furlong champion-



Dettori poses with Catherine, his bride, after their wedding yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herbert / Allsport

Richard Evans

Nap: LEND A HAND  
(7.05 Beverley)Next best: Marran  
(2.15 Ayr)

Thunderer gave five of the six winners at Ripon on Saturday, while the other winners included Lord Kintyre (7-1) in the Westmorland Super Sprint at Newbury. Richard Evans napped Captain Scott (9-2) at Ayr.

ship — but over the weekend it emerged that the jockey could ride the Michael Stoute-trained Singpiel, also owned by the sheikh.

Oliver Peslier, the top French rider, had been pencilled in to partner Singpiel, but it now seems likely he will be unavailable because of a commitment to ride for Daniel Wildenstein and Andre Fabre in France the same day.

With Gary Stevens, the outstanding American jockey, having been snappied up by Sheikh Mohammed's Godol-

phin team for Predappio, the Hardwick Stakes winner, and Michael Kinane booked to ride Pilsudski, the Stoute-trained Eclipse Stakes winner, the question of who rides Singpiel assumes still greater importance.

Dettori is adamant that Shantou is not the same horse without Dettori, but I expect him to switch the jockey to Singpiel, even if that puts Shantou's participation in doubt.

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## BEVERLEY

**THUNDERER**  
6.35 Pipawin. 7.05 Calchas. 7.35 Gipsy Princess.  
8.05 Lapu-Lapu. 8.35 Ansaiq. 9.05 Regal Reprimand.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.05 Calchas.

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6. 6000 D SWEETIE 28 (T) Easterby 8-9  
7. 6000 GLENLASSY 14 (T) Easterby 8-9  
8. 6000 HIGH CARRY 28 (T) Easterby 8-9  
9. 1405 FIGARO 17 (Leeds 8-9)  
10. 6000 GLENLASSY 14 (T) Easterby 8-9  
11. 0316 PENLESS 9 (C) Luton 8-9  
12. 6000 GALA MISS 5 (P) Evans 8-9  
13. 6000 POLYTERE 16 (T) Easterby 7-13  
14. 6000 SWEETIE 28 (T) Easterby 8-9  
15. 3506 SYLVIA CLOUD 16 (C) Farnborough 7-1  
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Schools champion follows her father on path to international athletics

## Daddy's girl out to match his record

By JOHN GOODBOY

**ANDY CARTER** was the supreme British 800 metres runner of the early 1970s. He won a bronze medal in the European championships, reached finals at the Olympic and Commonwealth Games and held the British record until it was beaten by Sebastian Coe.

Nine days ago, he sat in the stands in Sheffield to watch his daughter, Alex, take the senior 1,500 metres title at the TSB English schools championships.

Alex, 17, is already following her father's footsteps into international athletics. This week, she is part of the 80-strong British team for the European Youth Olympic Days in

### Sport in Schools

Lisbon, in which more than 45 countries will be taking part.

It will be a foretaste for some youngsters of the aura of the Olympic Games, an incentive for them to see what they can achieve with talent and application.

Alex, a pupil at Sir John Deane's College, in Hartford, Cheshire, has already shown gradual, rather than a spectacular, rise towards success. At primary school, she was not dominant as a runner.

There is always temptation for a father as celebrated and successful as Carter was in his career to push his child towards his favourite sport. This did not occur with Alex.

Carter, now 48 and a finance director of a consulting engineering firm said: "When she went on to Weaverham High School, I remember her coming back home to tell us that there was a cross-country club and that she was going to join. She did it off her own bat."

In the 1996 English schools championships, Alex was fourth in the intermediate 1,500 metres, but it was a decisive race in her career because it demonstrated Alex's potential to herself.



Alex Carter, centre, the English schools 1,500 metres champion, is developing into a junior athlete of tremendous potential

Carter said: "It made her realise that she was better than she thought she was. Alex was off the pace at the start of the last lap, but still passed a lot of people before the finish.

"She knew then that if she had kept closer to the leaders she could have finished in the first two. That race concentrated her mind. I have always known that she had the ability, but she had not always shown it."

This year she finished second in the AAA under-20 championships, for which she will be eligible for a further two years. She set a personal best of 4min 27.40sec in that event and at the English schools she defeated several of the runners who had finished ahead of her in 1996 to win in 4min 31.31sec.

Alex said: "The first three laps were quite slow with everyone bunched together. It was good for me because I have a fast finish."

Away she sprinted on the final lap, taking the lead with 150 metres to go and winning by two seconds from Tornasie Kemp, of Dorset.

Alex is coached by John Davies at Vale Royal AC, although her father is, he said, "around to lend a hand". With one break for two years, Carter has continued exercising regularly since his competitive days and he often runs with Alex and Thomas, her 14-year-old brother, another talented athlete, in the Cheshire woods.

Alex now trains six days a week while studying for three A levels, in biology, English and dance. Although demanding academic discipline, dance also has a practical side that is useful for athletics because of the requirements of suppleness.

Carter said: "This year was not really planned. We expected a few personal bests and perhaps fourth or fifth in the English schools. Still, I am pleased she is still developing further on in her teens because you do not always want to be the best at 13 or 14."

The trip to Lisbon is something that most kids only dream about. Next year there are the English schools in my home town of Exeter and the world junior championships, and the year after there are the European juniors . . ."

His voice trailed off as he seemed to be remembering his own ascent to glory 30 years ago.



Carter, in his prime, takes the AAA 800 metres title in 1972

## Fans forced to meet cost of loving football

**A**rsenal may be supplanting Chelsea as the favoured home of foreign players, but Chelsea's position as the most expensive ground to watch football in the FA Carling Premiership is safe. The top ticket price for the coming season at Stamford Bridge will be £50, which represents a 25 per cent increase on last season, itself a 14 per cent hike on 1995-96, and makes the best Chelsea tickets around £15 more expensive than the good seats at their big London rivals, Tony Banks' Labour's Chelsea-supporting Sports Minister, has been rather quiet on the subject of the club's ticket prices, but it can hardly fit in with his principle of bringing sport to the people.

Alas, Chelsea's rapid ticket inflation is far from unique in the top flight. Research published recently by Case Associates, the think-tank run by Simon Bishop and Cento Veljanovski, and backed by Ashurst Morris Crisp, the City lawyers, showed that the price of tickets for top teams rose by 22 per cent between 1985 and 1995. This compares with a 52 per cent increase in the Retail Price Index, a 51 per cent jump in average cinema ticket prices and — to stretch the leisure choice comparison to its logical conclusion — a 99 per cent jump in the price of lager.

There is an argument that you are getting a better class of football for your money. If you compare the old first division with the Premiership today, there has been the influx of leading foreign players such as Eric Cantona, Dennis Bergkamp and Gianfranco Zola. How, though, does football explain the inflation in the lower divisions? The first division prices have risen by 109 per cent over the ten years when compared with the old second division, new second division prices show a 151 per cent jump, and even the lowest division of the Football League has seen a 145 per cent hike in the cost of admission.

It is on its way. There is a debate in football about when it will happen, but what it may do is hold back the rampant ticket inflation that is threatening to price many real supporters out of the game.

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## Court of Appeal

Law Report July 21 1997

## Limit to judges' sentencing powers

*Regina v Kidd*  
*Regina v Canavan*  
*Regina v Shaw*Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Jowitt  
Judgment July 10

Judges could not take into account conduct not proved or admitted when sentencing the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division held.

Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, said that the issue could be expressed in the question whether, if a defendant was indicted and convicted, on a count charging him with criminal conduct of a specified kind on a single specified occasion or on a single occasion within a specified period, and such conduct was said by the prosecution to be representative of other criminal conduct of the same kind on other occasions—not the subject of any other count in the indictment, the court might take account of such other conduct so as to increase the sentence it imposed, if the defendant did not admit the commission of other offences and did not ask the court to take them into consideration when passing sentence.

The proceedings were brought by:

(i) Philip Richard Kidd, aged 49, applying for leave to appeal against sentence, having been convicted by a jury at Devon Crown Court and sentenced by Judge Morrison on four counts of indecent assault to 15 months imprisonment on one count concurrent with terms of 12 months on each of the other three counts;

(ii) Darren Anthony Canavan, aged 25, convicted by a jury at Liverpool Crown Court and appealing against sentences by Judge Hamilton, on counts charging damaging property, intimidating a witness, two of assault.

## Order returning offender to prison was not sentence

*Regina v Worthing Justices*  
*Ex parte Varley*Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice and Mr Justice Buxton  
[Judgment June 24]

In ordering the return to prison of an offender who committed new offences while released on licence, justices, acting under section 40 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, did not pass a sentence of imprisonment on him for the purposes of section 133 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 and accordingly the period of return they ordered was not subject to the overall temporal limit on sentence prescribed by that section.

Where, therefore, justices imposed for new offences a sentence of the maximum length permitted under section 133 and directed that it should be served consecutively to a period of return ordered under section 40 they had acted within their jurisdiction.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held dismissing an application by Roy Varley for

occurring actual bodily harm and wounding with intent to terms totalling seven years;

(iii) Dennis Shaw, now aged 73, convicted on a 16-count indictment by a jury of eight counts of indecent assault and one of rape in relation to six victims and other offences and seeking leave to appeal against sentence by Judge Appleby, QC to terms totalling 12 years. The court upheld the terms, except that, in view of the circumstances and the appellant's medical condition, the 12-year sentence was quashed and eight years

tained money by deception on numerous occasions. Instead of burdening the indictment with numerous counts charging all the instances relied on, a few counts only might be included, and it would be made plain to the court and the jury that those were relied on as representative of a more extensive course of similar conduct.

If, in such a situation, the jury convicted the defendant on one or more specimen counts, the court's practice had been to pass a sentence which took account not simply of the specified isolated instances in the counts but also of the conduct of which those counts were representative on the evidence adduced by the prosecution.

That was, undoubtedly, a convenient and economical way of proceeding in such cases. No objection had been raised to the practice when appeals had reached the Court of Appeal.

For many years prosecuting authorities had framed indictments including a small number of specimen or sample counts said to be representative of other criminal offences of a like kind committed by the defendant.

That might, for example, be done where a defendant was said to have sexually abused a child victim frequently over a period but the victim was unable to particularise any specific occasion when abuse occurred.

Two or three counts, perhaps, might be included in the indictment. The prosecutor would make plain that those were specimen counts and the victim would give evidence of the frequency with which the abuse occurred.

The practice might also be adopted where, for example, a defendant was said to have ob-

tained money by deception on numerous occasions. Instead of burdening the indictment with numerous counts charging all the instances relied on, a few counts only might be included, and it would be made plain to the court and the jury that those were relied on as representative of a more extensive course of similar conduct.

It was said that the trial judge, in the light of the jury's verdict, could form his own judgement of the evidence he had heard on the extent of the offending conduct beyond the instances specified in individual counts. But that, as it was put in *R v Hutchinson* ([1973] 1 WLR 385, 400) was "to deprive the appellant of his right in trial by jury in respect of the other alleged offences". Unless such offences were admitted, such deprivation could not, in their Lordships' view, be consistent with principle.*R v Mills* ([1979] 2 Cr App R 154) and *Bradford* were relied on as cases where the jury's verdict on one count inevitably involved a finding that the defendant had committed other offences for which he could therefore be properly sentenced.However, differing with respect from that conclusion, their Lordships thought it inconsistent with the law that a defendant should be sentenced for offences neither admitted nor proved by a jury. Nor, differing from the conclusion in *Bradford*, did their Lordships understand the Criminal Justice Act 1991 to legitimate the practice of sentencing for unindicted, unadmitted offences.

Clearly "the offence" in sections 1 and 2 of the 1991 Act meant an offence to which an offender had pleaded guilty or of which in a trial on indictment, he had been convicted by a jury. The offences of which account could be taken when considering custody or determining the length of sentence were there clearly defined. They did not include unindicted, unadmitted offences.

Section 2(3) of the 1991 Act enabled the court to take full account of any factor which aggravated or mitigated the offence or offences for which he

had not been indicted and he had denied or declined to admit.

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Their Lordships could not, however, read section 2(3) as entitling the court to base its opinion on the commission of offences not forming part of the offence or offences for which the offender was to be sentenced and not themselves the subject of prosecution.

The conclusion was that the court reached the correct conclusion in *Clark (Raymond)* which was to be preferred to the extent that that decision was at variance with other authority.Prosecuting authorities would wish, in the light of the present decision, in the light of *Clark (Raymond)*, to include more counts in some indictments.

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A convenient example was provided by the present proceedings in *R v Kidd*: the indictment contained 16 counts alleging abuse of eight different girls; most of the counts related to a period of one or two calendar years, or in some cases part of a calendar year.

The defendant was convicted of four counts only, and their Lordships did not, of course, question the jury's verdict, but had there been convictions on other counts there would have been enough proof of the defendant's criminality to enable the court to pass an appropriate sentence, even without treating the counts as samples or species.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters.

T. G. A. Chapman Ltd and Another v Christopher and Another

Before Lord Justice Phillips, Lord Justice Waller and Lord Justice Mummery

Judgment July 8

Insurers of a negligent defendant were liable both to indemnify the defendant to the limit of the insurance policy and to pay the plaintiffs' costs of the action in which negligence was established.

The liability to costs was independent of the policy limit and flowed from the insurers' decision that the plaintiffs' action should be defended.

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## Insurers' costs extra to policy limit

mother had an insurance policy with the second defendants which covered him for the first £1 million of accidental damage to material property.

The second defendants had taken over the conduct of the plaintiffs' action against the first defendant. A defence based on contributory negligence failed and the first defendant was found liable for the whole of the plaintiffs' claims.

The second defendants had agreed to pay the plaintiffs £1 million in full settlement of the first defendant's liability. Subsequently, the judge granted an application by the plaintiffs for a costs order against the insurers under section 51 of the 1981 Act. The judge joined the insurers as second defendants.

The judge had concluded on the basis that a party who maintained litigation should be liable for the costs of a successful adverse party. Even where the main claimant did not have a direct interest in the litigation, the case for ordering the main claimant to pay costs was even greater where, as in the instant case, the main claimant had a direct interest in the litigation.

The insurers had determined that the claim would be fought, had funded the defence of the claim and had instructed it to defend their own interests and the defence had failed in its entirety.

It was contended that these were not exceptional features such as to justify an order for costs against a non-party. That might be so in an insurance context but those features were extraordinary in the context of the entire range of litigation.

The second defendants relied on the facts that their interest in the litigation only arose because of a policy of insurance which ensured the plaintiffs' recovery where otherwise there would be none, that their liability was subject to a contractual limit and that they acted both bona fide and reasonably in fighting the claim.

They argued that the plaintiff had to take his defendant as he found him. But the real defendants were the second defendants. His mother had no assets. His

insurance policy provided cover without limit the second defendants would not be challenging their liability to pay the plaintiffs' costs.

The insurance cover was provided because it was paid for and the plaintiffs were entitled in the benefit of it because the law so provided. His Lordship was not moved by the argument that premium rates for liability cover would rise if the second defendant were held liable in costs. There was no reason why the premium should not properly reflect the insurer's exposure to costs.

The grounds advanced by the plaintiffs for imposing liability to costs did not turn on the terms of the policy but on the action that the second defendants had chosen to take pursuant to those terms.

The principle that costs should not apply only where the party has acted unreasonably in litigating. The second defendants had taken the decision to continue the litigation in an attempt to avoid or reduce their liability to the plaintiffs. It was a paradigm case for the exercise of the court's discretion under section 51 to make a costs order against the second defendants.

Like the defendant, the plaintiffs were litigants only in name. They had been indemnified by their insurers, who conducted the litigation in the exercise of their right of subrogation. Had the plaintiffs' argument failed it would have been appropriate to order them under section 51 to pay the defendant's costs.

Lord Justice Waller and Lord Justice Mummery agreed.

Solicitors: Warsop &amp; Willey, Hargrave, Clyde &amp; Co.

## Document was admissible

*Louis v Director of Public Prosecutions*

Where the prosecution in a case of driving with excess alcohol complied with the statutory requirement for service of a doctor's certificate of analysis of a blood specimen within seven days, the defendant's waiver of strict proof of service could not render the document inadmissible.

His Lordship would dismiss the application, while expressing some regret that the court had not been obliged to decide the issue in the absence of adversarial argument.

Mr Justice Buxton agreed.

Solicitors: Tremlets, Brighton.

against conviction by Mr Christopher Pratt, Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate at Marylebone Magistrates Court on September 19, 1996 of driving with excess alcohol.

MR JUSTICE OWEN said that service of the analyst's document under section 10 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 was a statutory requirement which could not be waived: see *Tobi v Nicholas* [1988] RTR 343.

In the present case it was discovered that there was no signature on the certificate of service and the document was formally admitted.

## Senior officers owe no duty of care to WPC

*W v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis*

Senior police officers did not owe a common law duty of care to a woman constable who claimed that she suffered mental illness after their treatment of her, and their responses to her complaints, following an allegation that she was raped and buggered by a fellow officer in the section house where she was living.

The Court of Appeal: (Lord Justice Evans, Lord Justice Waller and Lord Justice Swinton Thomas) so held in a reserved judgment on

July 3 dismissing, inter alia, the claim damages for the negligent performance of those statutory duties.

As for her claim that the commissioner was vicariously liable, under section 48(1) of the Police Act 1964, now section 88 of the Police Act 1996, for the negligence of other officers under his direction and control, again in the circumstances where the allegations were not of negligence in operational circumstances, the same considerations precluded the existence of a duty of care owed to her.

(b) There was a need for an

## Scots Law Report July 21 1997 Outer House

## Considering purpose of legislation

*South Lanarkshire Council v Secretary of State for Scotland*

Before Lord Cameron of Lochbrook

[Judgment April 30] In considering a circular issued by the Secretary of State for Scotland to local authorities providing guidance on the conduct of compulsory competitive tendering, it was necessary to consider the purpose of the legislation and what it provided for.

The guidelines were framed in general terms and necessarily, since they provided signposts to local authorities as to how they would conduct themselves for the purposes of the 1980 Act or the 1988 Act. Within that context, the phrases used were wholly intelligible.

Nor did his Lordship consider that the statements in the guidance were unreasonable, given the discretion of a local authority. Accordingly, the guidance contained in the circular was not beyond the powers of the secretary of state.

Lord Cameron of Lochbrook, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held dismissing a petition at the instance of South Lanarkshire Council for judicial review of the issue by the secretary of state of Circular 6/96 entitled *Guidance on the Conduct of Compulsory Competitive Tendering*.

Mr Michael Jones, QC and Miss Jane Paterson for the petitioners; Mr James Drummond Young, QC and Mr Robert McCreadie for the respondent.

LORD CAMERON said that the guidance bore to be issued under the Local Government (Direct Service Organisations) (Competition) Regulations [SI 1993 No 849], which in turn had been made under section 9 of the Local Government Act 1982. The guidance

provided that the respondent had power by regulation to define conduct as competitive and anti-competitive in terms of section 9 of the 1992 Act.

In the same section Parliament had empowered the respondent to issue guidance as to how anti-competitive conduct was to be avoided. Paragraph 15 had to be read in the context of the whole document.

Nor did his Lordship consider that the statements in the guidance reasonably fettered the discretion of a local authority. In preparing itself for compulsory competitive tendering no reasonable local authority could fail to have appraised itself of the manner in which the market place into which it was about to enter operated.

The guidance did not specify when steps to that end had to be taken other than that they would precede the entry into the tendering process itself. It was for the local authority to satisfy itself in the first place that it had sufficient information and knowledge to ensure that the competition process would be fair and would remain truly open to contractors throughout.

The second submission had been that the guidance required a local authority to perform a number of positive acts which having regard to the primary legislation Parliament had not intended authorities to perform.

Parliament had not authorised any requirement that positive steps should be taken by a local authority for the avoidance of anti-competitive conduct. That was also consistent with the statutory scheme set out and delineated in section 7.

In his Lordship's opinion that the meaning to be given to paragraph 15 was also misconceived. The condition went further than the first step and encompassed the decision-taking

process throughout starting from the moment when a proposal that the work be carried out was accepted by the authority to be acted upon.

In going out to tender the authority was not only required to identify the area of work to be put out to competitive tendering, it was also to package it according to how the market in such an area of work was organised and operated.

In the condition complained of the requirement was that the local authority had to act throughout to prevent restriction, distortion or prevention of competition.

The effect of the condition was that where an authority decided to carry out the work itself and was challenged by the respondent, it was required to negate any allegation of anti-competitive behaviour.

Finally, it had been submitted that parts of the guidance complained of were unintelligible to the intended reader. Parliament could not have intended to empower the respondent to give such guidance which was therefore irrational.

The phrases involved, it had been said, subjective values, yet failure to comply with such guidance could be followed by the imposition of sanctions against the local authority.

His Lordship said such criticisms were unjustified. The guidelines were framed in general terms and necessarily so. They provided signposts to local authorities as to how they would conduct themselves for the purposes of the 1980 Act or the 1988 Act. Within that context the phrases used were wholly intelligible.

For all those reasons the prayer of the petition would be refused.

Law agents: Simpson &amp; Marwick, WS. Solicitor to the Secretary of State for Scotland.

KICK OFF

ITF starts Monday July 28th.

# Capitalisation, week's change

**TRADING PERIOD:** Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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205.00 Adelsberg		205.00	+1	+0.5	1.5					215.00 Adelsberg	Adelsberg	125.00	-2	-1.6	23.36					125.00 Adelsberg	Adelsberg	125.00	-2	-1.6	12.0					100.00 Adelphi Int'l	Adelphi Int'l	125.00	-2	-1.6	12.0				
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## BUSINESS STATISTICS

## TODAY

Interims: Porvair. Finals: Crest Packaging, Ennex International, PSIT, Sketchley, Uno.

## TOMORROW

Interims: Waste Management, Sharl Group, St Modwen Properties, SmithKline Beecham. Finals: Barbour Index, Copyright Promotions, GGI Group, H&C Furnishings, Membrey Abbey, Menvier-Swain Group, John Menzies, Millie Group, Oglesby & Butler, Stagecoach, Wf Electrical. Economic statistics: RICS quarterly house price survey.

## WEDNESDAY

Interims: Bullough, Masthead Insurance, Reuters, Spargo. Finals: Matthew Clark, Pace Micro Technology. Economic statistics: UK retail sales (June).

## THURSDAY

Interims: Cookson, ICI, Total Office. Finals: Banks (SC), Bolton, Delyn, Euclidian, Eve. Economic statistics: UK global trade balance (May), UK non-EU trade balance (June), harmonised Consumer Prices Index (June), CBI quarterly industrial trends.

## FRIDAY

Interims: Baring Tribune, Lex Service. Economic statistics: UK preliminary GDP (2Q).

## SUMMARY

The Sunday Times: Buy Anglo-Irish Bank Corporation, Menier-Swain, British Television, Laird, Jasmin, The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Kumick, Jasmin, DCS Group, Intrum Justice, The Observer: Buy HP, Bulmer, Sell Somerfield. Mail on Sunday: Buy Wilson Connolly, Express on Sunday: Buy FirstBus, Biocompatibles International, Proteus International, Lime-light, Independent on Sunday: Buy Burnham-Castrol.

## COMPANIES

## MICHAEL CLARK

## Strong pound likely to hit Reuters

**REUTERS:** The strong pound is expected to make a sizeable dent in earnings when the international news agency and financial information specialist unveils half-year figures on Wednesday.

NatWest Securities, the broker, is forecasting pre-tax profits virtually unchanged at £342 million with earnings per share flat at 14.7p. Analysts say that the impact of the pound will remain a problem for the rest of the year and it looks increasingly likely that they will be forced to downgrade their year-end numbers. It is unlikely that the group will produce any earnings growth in the current year. Almost 40 per cent of profits are derived from Europe and the current strength of the pound against the mark makes the group especially vulnerable.

Last year Reuters, whose chief executive is Peter Job, made pre-tax profits of £701 million with a final figure of £733 million currently pencilled in.

No doubt the City will want to tax the group on how it intends to distribute excess cash, which at the last count stood at £1.2 billion net, to shareholders. NatWest is of the opinion it will opt for a straightforward share buyback costing about £700 million in order to enhance earnings.

The brokers will also want an update on its 3000 computerised financial information system. During the first quarter 18,000 orders were taken with 5,000 installations. The Dealnet 2000 system should have benefited from buoyant foreign exchange markets.

In spite of the pressure on earnings, shareholders should see the payout grow by 13 per cent from 2.75p net to 3.1p.

**ICI:** Do not expect too many surprises when the group unveils half-year figures on Thursday. The damage to profits was revealed last week when it announced the sale of its bulk chemicals business to DuPont of the US for £1.8 billion. It confirmed market fears that pre-tax profits would plunge from £373 million in the first six months of last year to £160 million. Earnings per share were also expected to collapse from 30.7p to 11.3p, a drop of 64 per cent.

Instead, the emphasis will be on prospects following the transitional move from industrial bulk chemicals into the consumer end of the market with the recent purchase of Unilever's specialty chemicals operation for £4 billion.

The strong pound will have made life difficult for all parts of its export business, while serving to increase competition back home.

The paint operation is likely to reveal a modest increase in last year with volumes up and margins improving on the back of lower raw material costs. This will go some way to offsetting the stronger pound. But rising costs will have taken a toll in the materials division in spite of improved volumes.

Giving the downturn in profitability, the interim payout is likely to be pegged at 12.5p.

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**SMITHKLINE BEECHAM:** Once again, as in the first quarter, currency factors will play a large part in the outcome for the first six months. The group, reporting tomorrow, will show a modest increase in pre-tax profits for the second quarter of about 3 per cent, with most brokers looking for around £32 million compared with £34.2 million last time.

Brokers say currency fluctuations will have a negative impact on earnings per share, which are likely to have grown by 1 per cent to 8.4p.

They also believe that alterations made to its DPS acquisition could see a small reduction in pharmaceutical sales, although sales excluding DPS could be up as much as 12 per cent.

Sales of new drugs, such as

Hycamtin, Requip, Kytril and Famvir, in which the group is placing much faith, should chip in with £125 million of sales. Attempts by smokers to give up the deadly weed will have boosted sales of Nicorette and Nicoderm, pushing up overall sales of the healthcare division to £611 million. The payout is likely to be 3.9p against 3.6p last time.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT:** At first glance half-year figures tomorrow are likely to prove disappointing. Pre-tax profits are expected to come in at about £71.6 million, down on last year's figure of £75.3 million. Earnings will also be down from 12.3p to around 10p.

The absence of a contribution from Wessex Water and adverse

market factors will result in a 6 per cent increase in the payout to almost 7p, although recent speculation suggests that a special payout to shareholders remains on the cards.

**H&C FURNISHINGS:** A leap in pre-tax profits from just £400,000 to £8 million is on the cards when full-year figures are unveiled tomorrow. The figures will be boosted by a first full contribution from Cantors and nine months of Harveys.

The figure will be struck before exceptional costs of £6.5 million relating to the closure of a number of stores. Sales will be sharply ahead but this will fail to be reflected in margins, which will come under further pressure. The dividend is doubled to 6p.

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**AN UNDERGROUND**

prison in central London is to be expanded, refurbished and turned into a tourist destination and corporate hospitality venue, thanks to a listing on Oxfex, the share trading facility, that has raised £20,000.

Professor Gowland welcomes the thrust of the move towards creating a single financial services regulator, arguing it will end the problems created by competing regulators. But he adds that under the existing proposals financial regulation will not be fully unified with the Building Societies Commission and the Department of Trade and Industry continuing to play an important role.

He claims that yet another shake-up in the regulatory system will create renewed uncertainty for the sector, while the current proposals fail to address the problem of separate regulatory systems across the European Union.

Professor Gowland said:

"None of Mr Brown's changes is obviously for the better, saving one which is not fully worked out."

The directors hope to attract up to 88,000 visitors a year by 2000.

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**I**s the strong pound part of the problem or part of the solution? Anyone competing with overseas producers will see this as a sick joke. I sympathise, but in fact it is a serious question, and one with important ramifications if Britain was to join the planned single European currency. The answer is that it all depends where you are starting from.

Readers of this column will need no reminding that I have been highly critical of the Chancellor's failure to raise taxes on individuals in the Budget, implicitly leaving the task of restraining the growth of domestic demand to the Bank of England and implying strong sterling. It would have been better if the growth of consumption had not got out of hand and, having done so, better if the Chancellor had moved to restrain it in the Budget. In this sense, the strong pound is to be regarded as part of the problem.

But suppose we take the current excessive growth of consumption and the recent Budget for granted, would the condition of the economy be any better if somehow the rise of the pound had not happened?

Sterling strength directly helps to suppress the possible inflationary consequences of strong demand and thereby reduces the extent to which interest rates have to rise to achieve the same effect. It does this partly by having a favourable

## Hard pounding but why change?

direct effect on the price level as the cost of imports falls. But it also helps to reduce the pressure of demand on limited domestic productive capacity by encouraging imports and discouraging exports. In effect, it serves as a device for siphoning off some of the excess demand.

In this sense, given that our present problem is excessive growth of demand, sterling's current strength can be regarded as part of the solution.

This prompts an important question. How would things have worked out if we were already members of the single currency? There would have been no upward pressure on the pound for the simple reason that there would have been no

Moreover, assuming that euro rates were the same as the rates currently ruling in Germany — namely 3 per cent — then when we joined the single currency, instead of rates rising, they would have fallen to 3 per cent, which would have boosted spending still further. So we could have had even more of our consumer boom without suffering the pain of a strong currency. This begins to look like one of the most attractive

arguments for joining — except that it is profoundly wrong.

The most obvious point is that at some stage British inflation would surely be forced higher. Even the author of *The Death of Inflation* admits that. But it is difficult to get too excited about this prospect. After all, you do not observe very different rates of inflation within existing monetary unions. In what sense is the Scottish rate of

inflation different from the English? But the way that inflation rates are harmonised within monetary unions is instructive. If Britain was a member of EMU there would be no way of stopping the boom by raising interest rates — unless the whole of Europe was experiencing a boom — because rates would be set in Frankfurt.

The adjustment would have to come via a different channel. As prices and wages were driven higher, Britain would lose business, not only in manufacturing but also in traded services. Eventually, even if the original sources of the boom had not blown themselves out, the loss of business abroad would end the expansion. More and more domestic spending unmatched by domestic production (that is to say, a balance of payments deficit), would imply a build-up of debt that would in the end prove unsustainable. Boom would turn to bust. Higher British wages and prices would have achieved the same result that is currently threatened by the higher exchange rate.

But there would be an important difference. We would be stuck with the implied loss of competi-

tiveness. We could only adjust by bringing wages and prices back into line. This would not matter if they were as flexible downwards as currencies are. But they are not. Having been driven higher in the boom, they could only be brought into line with the rest of Europe by a prolonged British recession. Indeed, if Euro inflation as a whole was very low, it might require the British price level to fall if the adjustment was to be completed in a reasonable timescale.

Does this ring a bell? It is exactly the position we were in during our two years in the ERM, and earlier during our return to the Gold Standard in 1925-31. In both cases we were saddled with an uncompetitive price level and in both cases we were rescued from our predicament by a lower exchange rate. But that exit would be blocked by our membership of EMU. There would be no pound whose value could be lowered.

When the current consumer boom has been restrained, it will be possible for British interest rates to come down again and the pound to fall back, thereby restoring some of the competitiveness lost in the current surge. All those who bemoan the super-strong pound and yearn for the supposed stability afforded by the single currency should comfort themselves with the thought that at least under current arrangements, what goes up can come down.

RICHARD LANGDON

**Minimum pay would 'benefit more than assumed'**

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY  
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

A MINIMUM wage would benefit a far larger section of the population than has previously been assumed, a new report published today claims.

The low paid are far more likely to lose their jobs than high earners and are less likely to have wage increases. Almost a third of male workers are liable to spend some time unemployed over a four-year period.

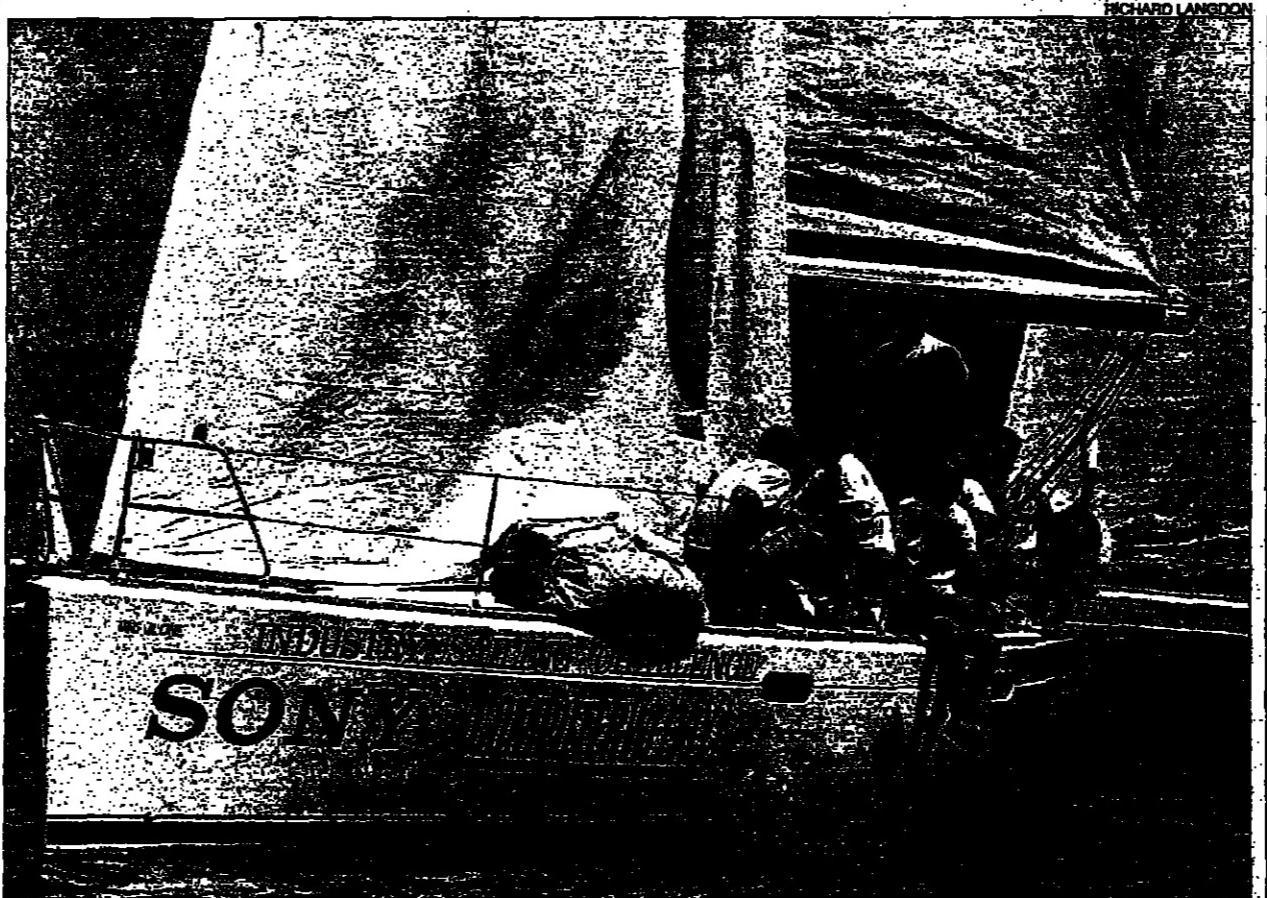
Research by the Institute of Fiscal Studies for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, found that during the period 1991 to 1994, one in eight men and four in ten women would have qualified for a minimum wage set at half median male earnings. Only half this number would be covered by the minimum wage in any one year.

The IFS report shows that the lowest paid enjoyed the least upward wage mobility and were most prone to unemployment. Only 6 per cent of male workers moved from the bottom quartile of wage earners to the top half during the four-year period, while 30 per cent of the lowest earners failed to keep their job through the four-year period.

In contrast, 90 per cent of men in the top quartile of earners kept jobs in the four years, while about a quarter of all men enjoyed a 20 per cent or more rise in real wages.

The report argues that job tenure is one of the most important factors in ensuring wage improvements, with men who had held the same job for between five and ten years 80 per cent more likely to move out of low pay than those who had been in their current job for less than two years. Overall, the IFS found that a third of men had spent some time unemployed during the four years.

Julian McCrae, of the IFS, said: "The fact that a significant proportion of people on low wages are likely to remain there is an important finding of this research. Perhaps the very fact of being low paid tends to trap people in low pay."



Alasdair Kirkpatrick and his team from National Grid celebrate winning the Sony Industry Sailing Challenge off the Isle of Wight, in practically windless conditions, over the weekend. Runner-up was QMI, the London software company, skippered by Matthew Cage, with Vodafone Project Management (Graham Dibb) third. More than 100 teams entered.

## Ofgas orders ban on Centrica's 'lying mailshot'

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

CENTRICA, the demerged supply division of British Gas, has run into controversy over its marketing tactics after a mailshot casting doubt over the bona fides of rival gas suppliers' salespeople.

The gas regulator has banned one mailshot featuring rivals as Pinocchio, the fairy tale character whose

nose grew each time he lied. Ofgas condemned the company's approach as anti-competitive.

The Pinocchio leaflet has been distributed widely in Scotland, where Centrica faces competition from Eastern Natural Gas, ScottishPower and others after November. Other leaflets critical of

doorstep rivals have circulated in the South East.

Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, has demanded that Centrica stops the mailshot or offers access through their database to rival companies so they can put their own points over competitive gas sales.

A spokesman for Ofgas said: "We have written to Centrica because the literature is anti-competitive. It suggests that customers should call their number for impartial advice, which obviously is not the case."

A Centrica spokesman said the publicity was designed to be attractive, but was intended to tell customers the facts about gas competition. He said it was issued in response to anti-competitive behaviour from rivals and because customers did not understand the competitive market in gas.

John Adams, of Eastern Natural Gas, said: "We were surprised that British Gas Trading should issue such a leaflet to customers, because we are a reputable company. We are trying to open up the market and tactics such as these do not help."

Centrica has also come under attack from the Gas Consumers Council in the South East for local newspaper advertisements which, the council says, depicts doorstep selling as a bad thing. Sue Slipman, director of the council, said: "It is ill-advised of a monopoly supplier to suggest that the tactics of its rivals are wrong."

Mike Alexander, managing director of British Gas Trading, the company's trading arm, sits on the panel of the Association of Energy Suppliers, which oversees implementation of the code of conduct for energy marketing.

Competition in domestic gas, which now enables more than two million people to shop around for their supply, has been dogged by controversial marketing practices. Last year the OFT intervened after a series of complaints over aggressive doorstep selling from SwebGas, among others.

The supermarkets are focus-

ing on own-brand products. Chris Williams, head of corporate affairs at C&A, said the attitude of the Labour Government had been a useful spur to action. Clare Short, Minister for International Development, has backed ethical sourcing and moves by business and NGOs to develop a monitoring practice.

The difficulty, she said, lay in ensuring that companies are "effectively monitoring practice against these codes". She hopes that a common approach will show people that companies are meeting their commitment.

Andrew Simms of Christian Aid said that the codes of conduct needed to be verified externally to avoid consumers being cynical, as they were about companies' environmental claims in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Richard Hodges of the British Retail Council said his members generally support such moves.

## Blanc restaurant deal with Forte on the menu

BY DOMINIC WALSH

RAYMOND BLANC and Richard Branson, joint owners of Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons Oxfordshire, are today expected to agree terms with Forte Hotels to open a restaurant at the Queen's Hotel in Cheltenham.

The 200-seat restaurant, which is awaiting planning permission, would be the second Petit Blanc brasserie. The first opened in Oxford last June and M Blanc hopes to develop the concept into a small chain.

It is understood that Blanc Restaurants, a 50-50 joint venture between M Blanc and Mr Branson's Virgin Group, will take a lease on the restaurant space and spend about £600,000 on fittings.

Simon Rhatigan, general manager of Blanc Restaurants, declined to be drawn on the Cheltenham venture, but said: "We are expanding Petit Blanc within a 60-mile radius of Oxford, and are looking at a

number of opportunities for restaurants with between 150 and 200 seats." Birmingham is thought to be high on the list of target locations.

For Forte Hotels, part of the Granada media and leisure combine, the deal would be just the latest in a series of high-profile restaurant ventures with big name chefs.

At the Grosvenor House, in London's Park Lane, the main restaurant is run by Nico Ladenis, who has three Michelin stars, and the company is in talks with Marco Pierre White over the restaurant operations at up to six Forte hotels. These include the Waldorf and Merlin in London, the Queen's in Leeds, the Randolph in Oxford and the Bath Spa in Bath.

Meanwhile, at Le Manoir, M Blanc is about to embark on a £5 million refurbishment programme that will add 13 bedrooms, a new dining room and a cookery school.

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## Michael Page in 'dirty tricks' row

BY JON ASHWORTH

MICHAEL PAGE, the recruitment group, is at the centre of a "dirty tricks" row, after one of its employees used a false name to obtain confidential information from a competing firm, "Paul Zimmerman", who said he worked for WPP, the advertising group, telephoned Douglas Llambias Associates (DLA), a financial

recruitment consultant, requesting a shortlist of names for an assignment in Poland. A DLA researcher produced an initial batch of eight CVs, sending them to a private fax line supplied by "Zimmerman". Eleven CVs were sent in all.

DLA subsequently received an irate telephone call from WPP, complaining about the actions of a DLA employee, one "Paul Zimmerman". Disturbed by this

information, DLA alerted the police, and the fax number was traced to Michael Page, triggering a furious exchange of letters between the two firms.

Page acknowledges that the incident took place in letters to DLA, copies of which have been seen by *The Times*. It gave assurances that the hapless "Zimmerman" would receive a severe dressing-down.

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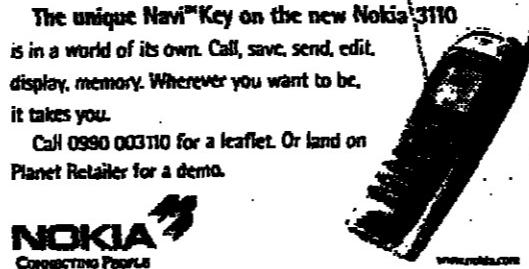
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# Brussels set for trade row over Boeing merger deal

BY OLIVER AUGUST

A FULL-SCALE transatlantic trade row over the \$13.3 billion (£8 billion) merger of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas seems inevitable if Boeing does not offer further concessions within 24 hours.

The European Commission will give its official verdict on Wednesday, after hearing a recommendation from a panel of experts to block the merger because it would give Boeing monopoly status in the civil aircraft market. A draft decision to impose heavy fines on the US company has been circulating in Brussels.

Karel Van Miert, the competition commissioner, ferociously opposed to the merger from the start, needs a simple majority for the draft decision to be approved.

A Commission spokesman said Boeing had been asked to make further concessions last week but failed to respond. A last-minute agreement was still possible, although unlikely, he added.

During negotiations the Commission raised competition worries with Boeing, based on a fear that Boeing will subsidise its civil aircraft programmes with US Government funds meant for McDonnell Douglas' military aircraft research. This would put Airbus, Boeing's only civil

aviation rival, at a competitive disadvantage.

Boeing also objects to Boeing absorbing McDonnell Douglas' spares and maintenance work, which would further extend Boeing's customer list, thereby increasing its market dominance.

A third fear concerns Boeing's exclusive supplier deals with three major American airlines, Continental, Delta and American Airlines.

The Commission and Airbus, a European consortium that includes British Aerospace, have protested that the agreements are anti-competitive.

Boeing has offered concessions on two of these issues. It suggested a reduction of the exclusivity deals from 20 years to 13 years and a pledge not to conclude any more such deals over the next ten years.

Boeing also offered to report regularly to the EU on any cross-subsidies from McDonnell Douglas' military business to its own civilian operations. But the concession package was rejected by the EU and the French and German Governments.

Britain has taken a back seat in the dispute. The UK Government is eager to protect the relationships between Cortecs International and Tony Blair recently developed.



Bernie Ecclestone, right, puts over the case for the flotation of Formula One Holdings — now back on course — with Jean Todt, the Ferrari team boss

## Two salaries for Cortecs chairman

BY PAUL DURMAN

THE chairman of Cortecs International, the innovative Australian biomedical technology firm, is to enjoy two salaried contracts paying a total of up to £490,000, and options over up to 1 per cent of Cortecs' shares each year.

The complex formula governing the share options available to Glen Travers is set out in a difficult-to-follow sentence that is 270 words long. This forms part of the listing particulars for Cortecs plc. This is a new company intended to take over Cortecs International via a court-backed scheme. At the

same time, Cortecs will move its main share listing from Australia to the UK. Most of Cortecs' business and staff are in the UK.

The company, which develops oral forms of existing drugs, is valued at about £250 million. The number of options Mr Travers receives will depend on the Cortecs' share price. The listing particulars suggest that he may be able to receive the maximum award of £1 million or more options if, in 2000, the share price is above 25p. Although the sickly state of the biotech sector

has pushed Cortecs back to two-year service agreement that also pays Mr Travers £244,000 a year. This is on top of another two-year salary contract paying US\$75,500 (£45,000) with a possible annual bonus of \$33,200.

Mr Travers defended his contracts, saying they were "virtually identical" to existing arrangements, which were "well understood by shareholders". He said he had not always received options under similar deals in the past.

Michael Flynn, Cortecs' president and senior scientist, may also receive a million options under a recent amendment to his contract, which pays £170,000 and an annual bonus of up to £20,000.

One leading UK shareholder is uneasy about Mr Travers' pay package. A spokesman suggested that the option performance criteria did not look particularly demanding.

## Formula One float 'on track'

ADVISERS to Bernie Ecclestone's Formula One Holdings insisted yesterday that the planned share offer was on track in spite of reports that SBC Warburg was preparing an alternative proposal for the motor racing industry (Jon Ashworth writes). SBC denied that it was working on the flotation of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), which owns the Formula One name and television rights. Salomon Brothers, the US investment bank is seeking to sell Formula One Holdings in an international share issue.

# Philips confining media to PolyGram

Philips is gradually winding down its media activities, but leaving its PolyGram stake untouched. Cor Boonstra, its chairman, said in an interview with NRC Handelsblad, the Dutch daily, that he thought the electronics group was ill-equipped for the fast-moving media sector.

The one exception is its 75 per cent stake in PolyGram, the music and entertainment group that Mr Boonstra is keen to expand. He admitted that the sector offered interesting possibilities, but said that Philips was unable to take full advantage of them. "We are much better at making products than selling services. The media activities have cost us quite a lot of money," he said.

Since taking over as chairman last October, Mr Boonstra has announced his intention to rid the company of what he has called "the bleeders" — the underperforming and non-core businesses.

## Greenall sale

Greenalls, the gin group, is hoping to raise £50 million for expansion by selling its 475 strong chain of off-licences. The outlets, which trade under a variety of names, made operating profits of £6.6 million last year.

## BMW eyes R-R

BMW, which has set new targets to improve return on sales at its BMW and Rover plants, is reported to be still interested in a direct stake in Rolls-Royce Motors if and when Vickers becomes more willing to sell.

# Germany top as takeover target

BY OUR CITY STAFF

GERMAN companies have overtaken British businesses as the most attractive takeover targets in the European Union by overseas corporate investors, a report said yesterday.

KPMG Corporate Finance said that in the first six months of the year, \$14.7 billion (£8.8 billion) of foreign corporate investment flowed into Germany. That represented a six-fold rise on the \$2.2 billion invested there in last year's first half.

By contrast, acquisitions by international companies in the UK fell by 40 per cent from \$19.8 billion to \$11.6 billion — the first fall for more than three years. It is the first time since the KPMG Corporate Finance survey started in 1988 that Germany has attracted greater inward corporate investment than Britain.

Stephen Barrett, KPMG

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1157	94%	940	940	940	—	27	216	225	225
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## He never lost that golden touch

Sir James Goldsmith was a man who settled simply for wealth, says Graham Searjeant

**J**im Slater, the expert investor and the distinction between thing-makers and money-makers. Like Mr Slater, Sir James Goldsmith, who died over the weekend, came in the latter category. That is perhaps why the billionaire's death has surprisingly modest business implications, even though he died comparatively young.

Sir James himself became, and probably always was, far more significant as an individual than any of his business activities. By contrast, imagine the turmoil that would be created if, God forbid, Bill Gates was prematurely removed from Microsoft. The dramatic disappearance of Robert Maxwell would have caused ructions in Maxwell Communications Corporation and his many other interests even if he had not gambled and lost group assets and pension fund money.

Like Lords Hanson and White, Sir James was a youthful playboy who originally devoted his enthusiasm to business to make sure he could finance the expensive lifestyle he wanted for himself and his family. In the early years, that enthusiasm brought creative business deals, such as a part in the launch of Mothercare and development of food products. But Sir James was always more interested in cashing in his chips while the going

was good and moving on to the next deal. The younger James Goldsmith became the poshest of a group of likely lads trying to build up empires on the booming London Stock Exchange in the late 1960s and early 1970s, many of whom went to grief in the bear market of 1974-75. Some of his companies needed to shuffle assets about in the early years and never had as much credibility as, for instance, Lord Hanson. Sir James's ingrained suspicion of the press grew from this period, when he pioneered the instant legal threat in face of criticism, a technique later to be perfected by Mr Maxwell.

In the end, Sir James did accumulate a substantial organisation in Britain. Cavenham Foods never quite became the mighty power its friends (and some enemies) claimed, but was certainly more important than implied by its critics' dismissive claim that it was the world's largest manufacturer of liqueur chocolates. Had Sir James been patient, as Lord Hanson and White had to be, he might have built Cavenham into a big power in the food industry. He was probably wise not to

try. Dominating personalities such as his, or that of Alan Sugar, are rarely suited to the accountable public company constantly beholden to teenage scribblers in the City.

By casting in and moving operations to the harder and less village world of American business, he was able to transform wealth into super-wealth. Sir James became a practical apostle of "down-sizing" and a predator on venerable corporations. This combination often resulted either in him being bought off or buying the business, slashing costs and chopping it up. You have to be thick-skinned and self-confident to do this.

**I**n 1987, Sir James augmented his reputation as a financier and speculator in the league of George Soros, scourge of the European exchange-rate mechanism, by cashing in his gains before the 1987 crash.

Unfortunately, Sir James subsequently made big investments in gold, initially by swapping forestry assets for the Hanson group's inherited stake in Newmont Mining. Gold proved a

poor investment as the stock markets recovered and later soared. The billionaires' club, replete with figures such as Australia's Kerry Packer, is full of individuals who put together deals, invest and trade rather than run businesses. As Sir James's foray into gold showed, boldness is not always rewarded. Such individuals therefore need inexhaustible self-confidence, often acquired by being born with a silver spoon in their mouths.

Humble investors would probably find it no harder than Sir James or Mr Packer to spot the moments when, as today, stock and share markets have run ahead of economic reality and are resting on nothing but sentiment. It is relatively easy for the cautious to get out, to cash up, though most tend to do so too soon and to miss the last profitable frenzy of a bull market.

Deciding when to plunge cash back into assets is far harder, even for investment professionals. Almost by definition, things look black at the optimum buying moment. As Sir James said, it is too late once you can see the bandwagon rolling. Most investors who try to cash in at high prices and buy at low prices tend to sell too early and buy too late. Over the long haul, they are usually better off to stick with high quality investments and take the knocks.

## Why the windfall tax may not be a 'one-off'

It's a bad tax, the bill follows, and the utilities could be hit again and again, says Dieter Helm

**G**ordon Brown's "one-off" windfall tax on the privatised utilities provided a much-needed boost to government finances in general and the Welfare-to-Work programme in particular. The Chancellor's Budget move followed a well-worn path of *ad hoc* taxation that the Conservatives had fostered — first on banks, then on the utilities through Kenneth Clarke's changes to the regime for the treatment of investment in corporation tax.

The windfall tax was not, however, a good tax, either as a method of financing public expenditure, or as a solution to regulatory failures. Relying on private companies to raise money for public expenditure is bound to be more expensive than direct government borrowing costs, and much less honest than direct taxes.

To the extent that the "problem" has been lax regulation, the solution is to reform the regulatory regime, not to introduce retrospective taxation. The former would reduce regulatory consistency and hence the very high cost of capital to UK utilities; the latter undermines efficiency incentives, which Mr Brown wants to promote. Sadly, Margaret Beckett's review of regulation, which the President of the Board of Trade announced days before the Budget, did not suggest the appropriate path would be followed.

The real lesson of the Government's use of private utility borrowing — what might be



The pickings look good, but the real costs of the windfall tax may not be felt until largely after the next election

called the private sector borrowing requirement — is that it can be used again and again. Utilities provide a politically attractive base. By financing public expenditure through private borrowing, the public gets welfare goodies without apparent cost. Even where utility prices have to go up to pay the inevitable bill, utility bosses not politicians, suffered public hostility. Labour looks set to follow the Tory lead.

The options for shifting obligations onto utilities and

taxing customers of the electricity, water, gas and telecoms industries are vast. BT could wire up the schools and continue to look after the poorer and more vulnerable customers.

The electricity companies could pay for energy efficiency audits and improvements, and finance the Energy Savings Trust. The water companies will almost certainly continue to provide major financing for the environmental programme. More generally, utilities could take on the young unemployed who have just paid for by the windfall tax.

Already Labour is considering adding more duties and responsibilities on economic regulators to take more account of sustainability and the interests of the poor. No doubt regional development will follow.

Much of this transfer of public expenditure to private utilities will be dressed up in the rhetoric of "corporate responsibility", "stakeholders" and "model utilities". The real issue is not so much whether utilities provide the tax base (as they will, but at what cost and to whom). Labour must be tempted to use the discretion in the current regulatory regime to disguise this spending, rather than explicitly account for the costs and display

prominently on customers' bills the scale of these further utility taxes.

That was the mistake the Conservatives made in putting VAT on domestic electricity and gas. It was all too visible. The extra political benefit of the indirect approach is the seductive idea that there may be more "free lunches". If profits turn out to be high again, shareholders could face disguised taxation. Investors will, however, take note of the risks and demand higher returns.

Sadly for Mr Brown and for utilities' customers, there are no free lunches. The windfall tax will have an impact on bills because, in its absence, the borrowing could have been used to lower bills. The private sector borrowing requirement is more expensive than public borrowing, and uncertainty about retrospective raids on shareholder funds can only lead to businesses being less efficient and having a high cost of capital.

The political reality is that the true costs of the windfall tax will not be felt until after the utilities' next price reviews and therefore largely after the next general election.

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Which bank sends flowers to new home owners?



More than just a bank

National Westminster Bank Plc, 21 Lombard Lane, EC2P 2DZ

### WORD-WATCHING

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#### STUFATA

(c) Some kind of stew. Altered from Italian *stufo* to *stew*. Smollett: "He taught me to cook several outlandish delicacies, such as... stufatas."

#### SOLVY

(d) To be dirty. Related to older Flemish *solvieren* to soil. "And her was solvy to sen."

#### SEASORY

(b) Tending to persuade, to be persuasive. From the Latin *secessus*, H. N. Coleridge, *Six Months in the West Indies*, 1824: "A singularly eloquent preacher in the pell-mell and saucy style."

#### SPRUNK

(a) A display of wealth or self-importance. From the Dutch *prokien valen* personal adornment or *heilo* celebrity showing off. "With friars and monks, with their fine sprunks, I make my chiefest prey."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

I Rook dx6 2 Qx5 - Kc7 3 Nxb6 Kb7 4 QxB5 Qx5 5 Qxg8 and White wins

### TELEVISION CHOICE

## An artistic centenary

Mr Tate's Gallery

BBC2, 7.40pm

The centenary of the Tate Gallery is marked by a documentary which judiciously mixes history, current affairs and a peek into the future. There is much to say under all three headings, for the Tate has seldom failed to make the headlines thus far and the Banksy Power Station conversion should make the next few years equally newsworthy. It has not always been good news. As Richard Cork of *The Times* points out, for a gallery charged with holding the premier British collection of modern art the Tate has often been excessively philistine. But when it has embraced innovation, as with Carl Andre's famous bricks, it has been accused of hoodwinking the public. Wars, floods and a director, Sir John Rothenstein, who was once publicly assailed by a furious collector, also punctuate the story.



Hockney at the Tate (BBC2, 7.40pm)

Among the middle classes, as some of them remember, there was a stigma to doing their own decorating. What would the neighbours think? The DIY craze was born of wartime shortages and rising labour costs. It was helped by new products such as Formula and encouraged by advertisers showing happy young couples brightening up their houses. Barry Bucknall, the BBC's DIY expert, got a bigger posting than the stars of *Coronation Street*, though his wife recalls that he was not as handy at home as he was on the screen.

Preston Front

BBC1, 10.30pm

Even the most devoted followers of Tim Firth's comic drama of Territorial Army friends in the comic may be forced to remember why Hodge is called Hodge when his real name is quite different. But to enjoy *Preston Front* it is sufficient to accept such quirks as read. This is the third series and, once again, Firth has written every episode. Like the show or not, and many do, there is no doubt of its personal stamp. Firth's forte is character and incident rather than big plotting, all infused with a dry northern humour. Colin Buchanan, seen recently as the younger half of *Dalziel and Pascoe*, returns as Hodge in a mostly unchanged team. Hodge's accident-strewn attempts to treat his secret daughter to a day out are at the centre of tonight's up-to-standard scenario.

Peter Waymark

All Mod Cons

BBC2, 9.30pm

An entertaining series, rich in social observation, charts the history of home improvement in Britain over the past 50 years. The key is do-it-yourself, a phrase hardly known before the early 1950s. Before the Second World War, most people lived in rented accommodation and left things to the landlord.

RADIO CHOICE

Talking Sleep

Radio 2, times vary

Strategically embedded in today's *Kate Adie, Debbie Thrower, John Dunn* and *Richard Allinson* shows at 11.30am, 1.30pm, 5.05pm and 10.30pm respectively, are three-minute snippets aimed at those of us who can't remember ever having had a stress-free night's sleep in our lives. We're lucky, though, if we've been spared the horrors suffered by one contributor. In her nightmares, she's the target for missiles such as drain-rods, frozen peas, rice, Russian dolls and playing cards. Then there's the man who can't stand feeling hot in bed. He emulates the penguin which, when over-heated, swims away from the sun with one wing out of the water. The man keeps his cool by sticking one foot out of bed.

RADIO 1

7.00am Kevin Greening 9.00 Simon Mayo 11.30 Radio 1 Roadshow 12.20pm Newsbeat 12.45 Jo Whalley 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 BBC Breakfast 6.00 BBC Breakfast 6.00 Evening Session with Steve Lomax 8.00 Late Music Update 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.30 Omnibus 12.30 Jazzymanzzz 1.05 Business 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Seven Days 1.45 Sport 2.00 Newsbeat 3.05 Outlook 3.30

RADIO 2

6.00am Sam Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 8.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 *After You* includes Talking Sleep 10.30pm Dibble Thrower 3.00 Ed Stavro 5.05 John Dunn 10.30pm *Double Thrower* 7.00 *Ed Stavro* 5.05 John Dunn including *After You* 10.30pm Humphrey Lyttelton 8.00 Malcolm 10.30pm *Barry Humphries* 9.30 *John Boyd* 10.30pm *Andy Kershaw* 10.30pm *Chris Staines* 1.00 Charlie Jordan 4.00 Clive Warren

RADIO 3

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 Breakfast Programme 9.00 *The Magazine* 12.00 *Midday with Mai* 2.00pm *Russo* on Five 4.00 *John Inverdale, Astounding* 5.00 *News Extra* 7.30 *Musician* 8.00 *After You* 10.30pm *After You* 11.30 *Evening Session with Steve Lomax* 12.00 *Late Music Update* 1.00 *BBC English* 10.45 *Sports Roundup* 11.30 *Omnibus* 12.30 *Jazzymannzzz* 1.05 *Business* 1.15 *Britain Today* 1.30 *Seven Days* 1.45 *Sport* 2.00 *Newsbeat* 3.05 *Outlook* 3.30

RADIO 4

6.00am *What's News* 3.45 *The Lab* 4.05 *Sports Roundup* 4.15 *Encyclopaedia Britannica* 4.30 *The Jules Holland Collection* 5.00 *Encyclopaedia Britannica* 5.30 *After You* 6.00 *Today* 6.15 *World Food* 6.30 *News in Pictures* 6.45 *Five O'clock News* 7.00 *Newsbeat* 7.30 *Five O'clock News* 8.00 *Pause for Thought* 8.30 *Midnight Special* 9.00 *Newshour* 10.05 *Business* 10.15 *Britain Today* 10.30 *The Story of Football*. See *Choices* 11.30 *World Today* 11.45 *Sports Roundup* 12.05pm *Outlook* 12.30 *Midnight* 1.00 *Earth*, *Air*, *Fire* and *Water* 1.45 *Britain Today* 2.30 *Seven Days* 2.45 *Dying Notes* 3.30 *On Screen* 4.05 *Business* 4.10 *Proms* 5.45 *Europe Today*

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TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Wier 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.30 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Dotey 7.00 Anna Raeburn 10.00 James White 1.00am Mike Dicken

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Debussy *Immersions* Book 1; *Beethoven's String Quartet No 2 in D*; Nielsen (*Overture, Helios*); Handel (*Pensira, Anadiplosis*); Strauss (*Motet Perpetuum*); Strauss (*Symphonic Fantasy*); Die Frau ohne Schatten

7.00am Morning Collection, with Penny Gore. Includes *Wozzeck* (*Der Ring des Nibelungen*); Brahms (*Violin Concerto No 1 in G*); *Bruckner* (*String Quartet No 1 in D minor*); *Uccellini* (*Quinta Sopra, Una quinta, Braga*); Mozart (*Symphony No 1 in E flat, K16*)

7.30am BBC Proms 97, Suzie LeBlanc, soprano

Elizabeth von Magne, contralto, Mark Padmore, tenor, Neil Johnson, bass-baritone, Christopher Maltman, bass. Choral Ensemble includes Ton Koopman, *Brandenburg Concerto No 4 in G*, BWV1049 8.15 Ton Koopman. The conductor talks to Nicholas Cleobury about his approach to interpreting Bach and his emotion to record the Bach *Mass* via Belmondo

7.45am The Reith Lectures, by Professor Timothy J. Williams (r



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**PROBLEM 44**

Roger Bootle says EMU is not the answer



## Bank faces recession warning over further rate rises



George: defending policy

By ALASDAIR MURRAY  
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

FURTHER rises in interest rates could push the British economy into recession, the leading independent forecaster will argue this week.

The National Institute for Economic and Social Research will say that monetary policy has been tightened enough to bring growth down to its sustainable rate of 2.5 per cent next year.

The Treasury Select Committee is likely to use the institute figures to challenge Eddie George, Governor

of the Bank of England, this week. He is due to appear on Wednesday, the day before the forecasts are formally published, but the institute's projections will provide powerful ammunition for critics of the Bank's new monetary committee.

The institute expects base rates to rise a further notch from 6.75 to 7 per cent but says this is unnecessary. The ensuing strength of sterling will, it projects, bring growth down to a below-trend 2 per cent next year. Although that is the central forecast, the institute argues that there is a 25 per cent chance of

the economy dipping into recession. Sterling finished last week hovering around DM3.00 and there are growing fears that the pound could yet surge higher as the Bank of England makes further rate rises.

The Bank has said repeatedly that it views the high level of the pound as a "policy dilemma". But Mr George is expected to reaffirm that rate rises have to take precedence over the exchange rate, if the Bank is to succeed in controlling inflation.

The City believes that further strong retail sales and GDP data this week will signal another quar-

ter-point rise to 7 per cent. But a growing number of economists say recent interest rate rises, coupled with the continuing strength of sterling, will prove sufficient to slow the economy over the coming year and that further rate rises run the danger of overkill.

This view is backed up by the latest Chartered Institute of Marketing survey which shows business confidence slipping over the past three months. Marketers blame the interest rate rises and the over-valued pound for their more cautionary outlook. The service

industries remain most bullish but manufacturing sectors are reporting below-average plans for growth. Inflationary prospects have also worsened slightly over the last quarter with the survey pointing to average price rises of 1.5 per cent this year, compared with 1.3 per cent in the previous quarter.

Steve Cotterill, director-general of the CIMA, said: "On the whole the outlook is positive with businesses planning for steady growth but marketers are exercising caution."

A separate survey, also published today, shows that support for a

single currency is growing among exporters who are bearing the brunt of the surge in sterling. The DHL quarterly export indicator shows support for economic and monetary union at 62 per cent in June compared with 58 per cent in May.

Glyn Jones, commercial director of DHL International, said: "Many exporters have become increasingly alarmed about the strong pound. The desire to see some stability in currency markets is undoubtedly contributing to more exporters looking at monetary union in a favourable light."

## Pressure on NatWest after Pru link fails

By ADAM JONES

DOUBTS over the independent future of the NatWest Group will intensify today after weekend revelations that merger talks with Prudential Corporation, the insurer, have collapsed.

The Prudential talks follow abortive merger negotiations with Abbey National. These also took place when NatWest was seen in the City to be in a weak position after setbacks in its drive to expand in investment banking. Speculators are likely to be convinced that Lord Alexander of Weedon, NatWest's chairman, has abandoned an independent strategy.

In spite of a suggestion that the Prudential aims to resurrect its merger plan through pressure on NatWest institutional shareholders, a return to the bargaining table looked unlikely yesterday. NatWest shareholders are already reeling from the £77 million derivatives mispricing debacle at NatWest Markets, its investment banking arm. The losses led to the departure of Martin Owen, NatWest Markets' chief executive, and six managers.

NatWest must either convince investors that it has a strategy that can ensure the

continuation of the bank's independent status or become prey to potential aggressors. Shareholders have already seen the bank make an unsuccessful merger approach to Abbey National, the former building society, and markets reports later named Barclays as a possible suitor.

News of the Prudential talks and their subsequent failure emerged at the weekend, after a day of fevered gossip in the City last Friday. At the instigation of the Prudential's US operations, which include Jackson National Life, an insurer, the result was that there was no chance of the preliminary talks being reconvened.

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